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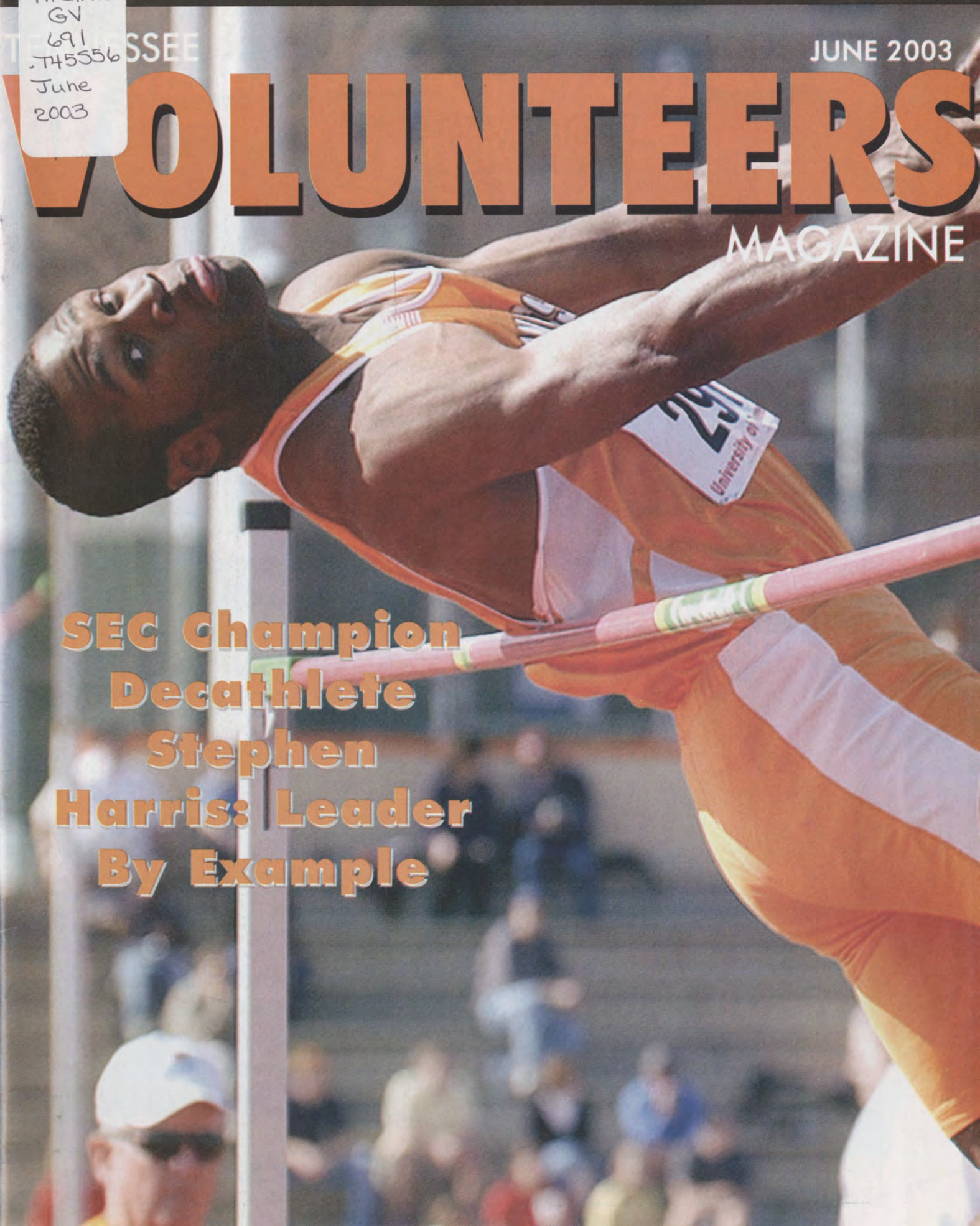

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GREG SIMPSON: NCAA SCHOLAR

A Vol swimmer has received a prestigious scholarship award from the NCAA.

University of Tennessee swimmer Greg Simpson was honored last month by the NCAA with a post-graduate scholarship.

"Greg has been one of our team academic leaders and a great team co-captain," head coach John Trembley said. "This award is a testimony to his leadership, determination and a conscientious performance in academics."

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be in his final year of eligibility, have performed with distinction in their sport and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.20.

Simpson, a marketing major with a 3.94 GPA, has proven to be a solid performer in the pool and the classroom.

This past season Simpson qualified for the NCAA Championships for the fourth-straight season and earned All-America honors for his work on the 200-medley relay and 400 freestyle relay squads.

The senior co-captain also ranked seventh in scoring and won six individual dual-meet events for the Vols.

Out of the pool, Simpson was named to his third consecutive SEC Academic Honor Roll, was honored with the Academic Achievement Award for having the highest GPA among all senior student-athletes and was named to the Verizon Academic All-America/District IV At Large Team.

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The one-time grants of $6,900 each are awarded for fall sports, winter sports and spring sports. 58 scholarships are awarded for each category, 29 scholarships going to both men and women. The scholarships are one-time, nonrenewable grants.

"We are proud for Greg and his family," Trembley said. "We are also pleased that it reflects good things about Dr. Ruth Darling, Susan Ratliff, the Thornton Athletic Student Life Center and the positive academic peer pressure from his team and coaches."

Simpson, a native of Collierville, and Michael Burton each earned first team honors on the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District IV Men's At-Large Team May 23. . The district team is made up of student-athletes from Division I schools in Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his career and have sophomore standing. T

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TENNESSEE HOSTS SEC TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS...

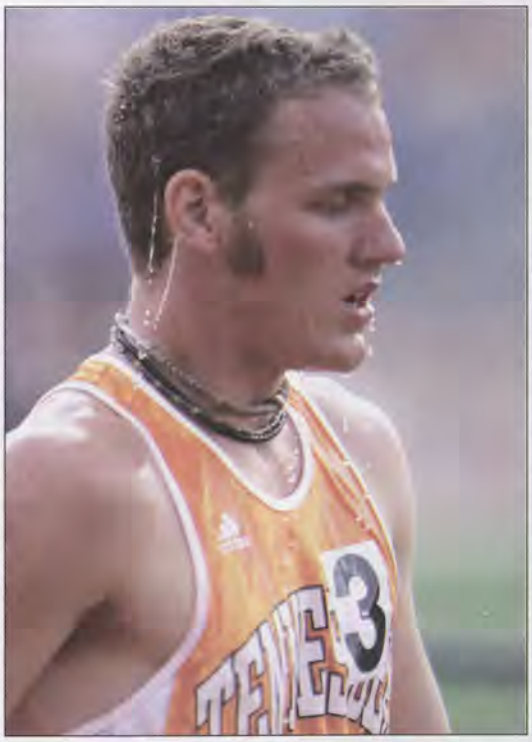
A TIME TO CREATE MEMORIES

The SEC Track and Field meet came to Tom Black Track May 15-18 and, despite a problem or two with the weather in the Knoxville area, it was the stuff of which memories are made.

Men's Team Finishes Second

Following a two-year title run by Tennessee, Arkansas captured its first Southeastern Conference Outdoor Track and Field title since 2000 at UT's Tom Black Track.

The Volunteers summed 111.5 points, second to the Arkansas Razorbacks' 149-point, distance-powered total as the curtain closed on the conference's best outdoor show of the year. No team besides the Vols and Razorbacks have won the outdoor conference crown since LSU in 1990.



Arkansas ran its total to 10 all-time SEC Outdoor titles, while Tennessee holds steady at 24. On Sunday, Tennessee 110m hurdler Jabari Greer, 800m man Marc Sylvester, javelin thrower Leigh Smith and the Vol 4x100m relay team of Greer, Gary Kikaya, Sean Lambert and Jonathan Wade joined the list of great champions like Ivory Crockett, Justin Gatlin, Todd Williams, Michael Powell, Bob Roggy and Dan O'Brien to grace Tom Black Track since its completion in 1966. Captain Stephen Harris joined the club Friday night with a decathlon title. Including 10 decathlon points and six points Sunday for a third-place, 6-11.5 clearance in the high jump, Harris held the title of Tennessee's high-point man with 16 for the Vol effort.

"We've had some great, great meets over the last few years," head coach Bill Webb said. "When we finished second at the SEC Indoors last year, we said it was one of our best meets. This was almost in that category. We don't like finishing second, but we certainly liked the way we competed. We liked our five golds and the show we put on for the hometown fans. We had collegiate-leading marks by Jabari Greer, Marc Sylvester and our 4x100m relay. We exceeded my expectations with the two relays. I think we'll be ready for nationals."

While Arkansas broke Tennessee's two-year SEC Outdoor winning streak, the Vols still churned out 71.5 points in Sunday's final stanza, probably outstripping most estimates. The Razorbacks piled up 103 points in just five distance events-the 800m, 1,500m, steeplechase, 5,000m and 10,000m-enough in that handful of events to beat every school but Tennessee.

Greer's lifetime-best performance in the 110m hurdles rated most impressive on the world stage. His 13.32 steamer beat the runner up by two-tenths of a second, a healthy margin of victory in a race with that caliber of competition. Greer's 13.32 takes over the collegiate lead, stands as the second-fastest wind-legal time by an American this year and currently stands as the third-fastest non-altitude time in the world this year. Greer's 13.32 surpasses Justin Gatlin for the second-fastest 110m hurdles mark in the Vol annals behind Willie Gault's 13.26.

"I always believe I can set a standard," Greer said. "I didn't know when I had it. I just tried to do my best. I did not know what I could do after the 4x100m (just 40 minutes earlier), but I think I have some momentum going to the regionals. My cheering section helps me know I picked the right place. It's good to know my teammates support me. I love running on this track and I love seeing the orange."

Meanwhile, Sylvester's 800m race was one for the ages. Seemingly hopelessly boxed in by the Hogs and locked in fifth place with only 150 meters to go, Sylvester made a tremendous move with a burst of speed on the inside. Down the straightaway, the sophomore passed everyone in a mad 50m dash running toward the Thornton Center for his first SEC title in 1:46.56, the collegiate leader and second-fastest time this year by any American.

"Some guys really blew by me," Sylvester said. "I didn't know what was going on. But I remember what Coach (George) Watts told me before the race: 'You know how to run this race. Trust yourself.' So I looked for opportunities where I could get through. They started spreading out, and I was able to go around them. I've raced against all of them. They're a great group of runners. This competition is mostly about training. It will help us get ready for the NCAAs."

Meanwhile, Tennessee's 4x100m relay team won its third consecutive SEC title in 38.92, the fastest time in the NCAA. Never mind the fact that Lambert was the only holdout from the last two year's winning squads and this Vol quartet competed without the services of Gatlin, Leonard Scott and Hassaan Stamps. Greer, Kikaya, Lambert and Wade proved up to the task to occupy the No. 2 all-time spot on the Vol list. However, Wade suffered a slight hamstring injury on his anchor leg and wasn't himself in the 100m and had to scratch in the 200m.

"Coach Vince Anderson put us in position to do our best," lead-off man Greer said. "We're excited. We were underdogs and tried to do our best. We can take it as fast as anybody. These guys are competitors; our chemistry is amazing. The way we react on and off the track is a real contribution to our success. (Sean) Lambert and (Jonathan) Wade are easy to run with. All of us believed we were going to do it today."

In the field, Leigh Smith stepped up to the plate for the biggest day of his career. Smith, just a junior, won his second SEC javelin title with a lifetime-best heave of 236-6 to move into third place on Tennessee's all-time list in the event. Smith won the event on his third throw despite entering the meet a distant second on the conference list.

The Volunteers couldn't ask any more of senior Stephen Harris won his first SEC decathlon title with 7,871 points, not quite matching his world leader from earlier this year but 132 points better than runner-up Maurice Smith of Auburn. With the win the Vol captain

swept the SEC indoor and outdoor multi-event titles as Harris also claimed the pentathlon title indoors.

Harris registered a PR in the pole vault, possibly the most dreaded event for decathletes, with a second-place, 15-1 clearance over the bar after the competition was moved inside Stokely Athletics Center because of rain.

"It's a milestone for me to win this championship," Harris said. "In the overall look of everything, it sets things up nicely. It makes me really appreciate all my teammates. It makes me appreciate this university and my family, especially my friends who came here and supported me. It makes me appreciate life. It's one of those eye-opening things that opens the big picture up for you."

Meanwhile, decathlete Kevin Thompson not only took fourth with a season-best 7,526 points, the senior wrote his ticket for the NCAA Outdoor meet by surpassing the automatic mark. Thompson managed a third-place lifetime best in the pole vault (14-9) to go along with another third-place effort in the discus (139-6). Thompson also contributed a season-best time of 14.96 in the 110m hurdles.

Trotter, Dickey Performances Highlight Women's Events

Dee Dee Trotter rocketed to a jaw-dropping victory in the 400 meters and Sharon Dickie rolled to an emotional triumph in the 5000 meters to highlight an impressive final day for the University of Tennessee women at the Southeastern Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Tom Black Track.

The 10-point performances by Trotter and Dickie, combined with contributions from Nicole Cook in the 800 meters, Christie Elwin in the javelin, Brooke Novak in the 1500 and 5000 meters, Trotter again in the 200 meters as well as the 4x400m relay, enabled the Lady Volunteers to finish seventh with 55 points. The mark bettered last year's SEC Outdoor accumulation of 52.50 and was the highest Tennessee total since the 2000 squad netted 71.25.

Florida walked away with the team title with 159 points, followed by Arkansas with 130, LSU with 110 and South Carolina with 86. Auburn reported in fifth with 77, while Georgia was sixth at 66. Trailing UT were Kentucky (49), Alabama (38), Mississippi State (22), Vanderbilt (19) and Ole Miss (5).

"I thought it would be a challenge for us to score 50 points at this meet, but we got it done," UT Head Coach J.J. Clark said. "We definitely have a talented young team, and they had a great meet with PRs, a couple of championships and some folks stepping up to make contributions that might not have been expected. We continue to move in the right direction and look forward to our climb up the ladder over the next several years."

After posting the fastest time in the 400-meter prelims the day before, Trotter made sure everyone knew it was no fluke. The second-year standout rocketed to a school-record reading of 51.65 to chart the eighth-fastest time in the world this year and claim the SEC title by a tenth of a second over LSU's Hazelann Regis (51.75).

A product of Decatur, Ga., Trotter had entered the meet ranked 14th among all-time Lady Vols in the 400 with a mark of 53.66 that she posted on April 12, 2002, at the Sea Ray Relays. She bumped up to fifth on the list with her preliminary clocking of 52.10 Saturday night before erasing a 51.71 mark that Cathy Rattray had held since the 1982 NCAA Championships in Provo, Utah. To boot, Trotter also added three points for taking sixth in the 200 meters in a career-best 23.36.

"My main goal Saturday was to get myself a good lane for today," Trotter said. "That worked out fine. I got out to a good start today, and followed the race pattern set by Coach Caryl (Smith). I needed to be faster at the start and the backstretch so I could finish strong."

As for Dickie, the fifth-year senior from Grand Blanc, Mich., never looked smoother and fresher than she did on a humid evening at Rocky Top. From the get-go, it was clear the race belonged to Dickie. Her impressive effort resulted in a 16:40.36 navigation of the distance, allowing her to hit the victory tape over 10 seconds ahead of runner-up Christin Wurth of Arkansas.

"I wanted to do my best," Dickie said. "My coach (J.J. Clark) had given me some splits, but it was too hot to go for a personal best, so I didn't meet those goals. The NCAA Regionals and Championships overshadow the SECs as far as my focus is concerned.

"I took the lead early, lost it and then went ahead for keeps after about a mile. It was very nice to run on my home track, with the fans behind me. Their support helped, because I was getting tired."

Joining Dickie in scoring in the 5000 was redshirt freshman Brooke Novak. The Kaukauna, Wis., native notched a sixth-place effort with a career-best time of 17:06.01. That came after she had provided the squad with fifth-place points in the 1500 meters earlier in the day with a career-topping 4:23.13 readout.

Sophomore Nicole Cook was looking to defend her SEC crown in the 800, but the Petersburg, Va., product came up a little short despite running the best time of her career. Cook's 2:03.60 PR clocking rated third on the day behind Mississippi State's Tiffany McWilliams (2:02.74) and LSU's Neisha Bernard-Thomas (2:03.32), but she improved to fifth on UT's all-time performers list in the half mile.

"Tiffany McWilliams ran a great race, she ran like a champion, and she deserved to win tonight," Clark said. "Nicole competed well, she ran her best time and did a lot of things right. As long as she is running her best, we're O.K.

"I am encouraged, because she is continuing to get faster. She has nothing to be ashamed about tonight. We'll return to practice and continue to prepare for the NCAA meets."

Cook came back to run her usual strong leg on UT's fourth-place 4x400m relay, which cranked out a season-best of 3:36.76. Also aboard that quartet were sophomore Antoinette Gorham (Glenarden, Md.), freshman Caitlin Ward (Gibsonia Pa.) and Trotter.

Senior Christie Elwin got the Big Orange on the board with the first event of the day, the javelin throw. The Adelaide, Australia, native let loose a top measurement of 129-3, which was far enough to merit fifth place and garner her school points in that event for the second-straight season.

Elsewhere, redshirt freshman Kendra Rhyne was 13th in the pole vault at 11-6.25, junior Janine Tessarzik was 14th in the shot put at 45-9.75, and juniors Erin Anderson and Jessica Southers were 14th and 15th in the 5000 meters, respectively, at 17:47.50 and 17:49.14. Sophomore Elizabeth McCalley (Knoxville, Tenn.) and freshman Katie Flaute also ran the 5K, taking 19th and 24th at 17:56.29 and 18:12.65. T

by Nathan Kirkham, Eric Trainer and Tom Mattingly

STEPHEN HARRIS HONORED BY MARINES...

A CAREER OF LEADERSHIP

"My time here at the University has really been a blessing. It's been a pleasure to be here all my four years. I've learned so much and been exposed to so much, and I've taken it humbly. I have been afforded so many opportunities and so many open doors for me to step through. I'm happy and thankful to be a part of it, as well as other parts of campus like SGA. I got to work with Elizabeth Clement, the SGA president. And that's been another avenue that I've taken and I have learned so much from it. I'm just happy with my overall experience here at the University."

Stephen Harris

Harris (middle) is shown here with Capt. Eric Syverson (left) and Maj. Ted Studdard (right) with the U.S. Marines inaugural College Athlete Leadership Award.

NEWS ITEM: "Everybody we talked to on campus had a Stephen Harris story," Marine Corps Maj. Ted Studdard said as he presented the Marine Corps' inaugural Collegiate Athlete Leadership Award in ceremonies at the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center on campus.

"We honor leaders across the country who take the extra step to excel. The difference between 'ordinary' and 'extraordinary' is 'extra,' and Stephen is a leader on and off the field and in the community. Leadership is the foundation of successful organizations. We want you to know we appreciate what you stand for."

Maj. Studdard, joined in the presentation by Capt. Eric Syverson, both from the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Nashville, said that Harris, a history major from Norcross, Ga., "is the student-athlete who most exemplifies selflessness, teamwork and leadership in the academic and athletic arenas. He also has been committed to excellence in elevating the performance of others both on and off campus. He has the heart of a leader."

In response, Harris said, "I am flattered, honored and humbled to be honored this way. I want to thank Coach Bill Webb, Vince Anderson and George Watts. I appreciate the support system at the Thornton Center and am grateful to be a part of the University of Tennessee."

A standout athlete and citizen, Harris' winning score of 8,103 from March's College Station Decathlon currently leads the world this year.

At the SEC Indoor Championships in March, Harris took the SEC pentathlon title, winning three of the five events, with a lifetime-best 4,277 points to secure his first title as a Vol. Harris' 4,277-point score stands as the second-best in school history and beat runner-up Maurice Smith of Auburn by a whopping 199 points.

In the outdoor season, in addition to his world leader in the decathlon, Harris owns regional qualifying marks in the high jump at 7-0.25 and long jump at a wind-aided 25-1.75w.

"He's the most humble athlete you'll ever meet," teammate Kevin Thompson said of Harris after Harris won the SEC Outdoor decathlon. "If he wins-and every time I've gone up against him, he's won-but he's very gracious about it. I'm just proud that he's won out here today. He deserves it."

ANALYSIS: It was another honor in a career replete with honors for Vol trackster Stephen Harris when the United States Marine Corps honored him at the Thornton Center in early May. You had to have known that this day was coming because Harris has nearly done it all on campus during his time as a Vol.

Josh Pate told of his time on the Selection Committee that brought Dr. John Shumaker to campus last year. Here's what he found. It was typical Harris, as he was doing everything nearly at once and doing it all well. Stephen Harris was all over the Tennessee campus last year, Pate wrote. In fact, he was all over every University of Tennessee campus across the state. And it wasn't to boost his preparation for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Baton Rouge last year. Harris was on a mission. He was trying to find a new president for his school.

By day, Harris is on the Tennessee track and field team. He competes in the decathlon, scattering his talents in a flurry of events from sprint races to distance races to field events. The 10-event, two-day decathlon is for the physically strong and those strong in mind.

However, last year, Harris moonlighted on his job. And he was pretty good at pulling it off. He served as one of two representatives for students on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, the group focused on bringing a new school president to the University of Tennessee.

"When the year first started, I was asked to be on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee," Harris said. "It was very odd. Here I am a track guy, going to school and they want me to help pick the next president for UT. I was very honored to be a part of that."

Each member of the committee had different tasks and jobs. Harris

filled his role by soliciting students from each UT campus - Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and Memphis - to find out what they wanted in a school president. Harris, along with a graduate student, polled the students and reported their findings at the committee's monthly meetings in Nashville.

"Basically I just met with students on campus to get their ideas," he said. "I was like their voice for what they wanted."

Tennessee got what it wanted when Dr. John Shumaker was introduced as the university's 21st president Mar. 5, 2002, in Nashville. For Harris, it was a job well done.

While serving the Presidential Search Advisory Committee was an opportunity of a lifetime, Harris had to do a juggling act to balance his daily activities. A training routine, classes and fulfilling his duties with the committee were all priorities.

"The hardest part was that I wanted to give all I could to track," Harris said. "But when it came time to serve on the presidential search, I wanted to give all I could to that, too. It's kind of like the decathlon. You have all the events, but you can't put too much emphasis on one of them or you will leave another one in the dust. So you have to keep your plates spinning."

Harris' plates were spinning frantically just two weeks before last year's NCAA Championships as he was trying to qualify for the all-important meet. He found himself in a must-qualify situation at the Georgia Tech Invitational, a last-chance meet in Atlanta.

Facing a season-long nemesis in the pole vault, Harris cleared the bar at 13-7 to place second in the event. The height propelled him to a second-place finish in the decathlon and an automatic NCAA qualifier. Prior to his clearance in the pole vault, Harris had no heighted in the vault on two different occasions, preventing him from qualifying for nationals. However, a return to the familiar surroundings of his home state Georgia allowed Harris to add his name to the list of Tennessee athletes making the trip to NCAAs.

"I was supposed to do it at Sea Rays and it didn't happen," Harris said. "I was supposed to do it at SECs and it didn't happen. It came down to my third attempt in the opening height in Atlanta and there were definitely nerves. I looked down the runway at the bar and kind of smiled. I went down and I hit it. It was a good feeling."

At last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships, Harris competed in his third decathlon in nearly as many weeks. However, the grueling Louisiana heat didn't stop Harris from collecting a personal best in the javelin and the 1,500-meter run. His toss of 191-6 in the javelin placed third while the time of 4:24.11 was good enough for first place in the 1,500m run. After the decathlon points were tallied, Harris wound up fourth with a career-best total of 7,955 points. The fourth-place finish garnered the Vols five team points in their gutsy runner-up finish. In 2001, Harris finished second in the decathlon at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, helping Tennessee to the outdoor title. His total of 7,871 points was a personal record at the time. Harris also finished fourth at the 2000 NCAAs with 7,651 points, the best finish ever by a freshman.

Away from the track Harris is finding out his contributions are garnering a lot of attention as well. At a banquet in Atlanta April 23 last year, the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored Harris as a Peach of an Athlete Role Model. He joined 15 other student-athletes who were chosen from a list of nearly 100 individuals. The Peach of an Athlete Role Model honor is bestowed upon athletes who display good character, scholastic achievement and community service, and are either from the state of Georgia or currently attend a school in Georgia.

Harris, from Norcross, Ga., was honored for his service to the Knoxville community by his contributions such as helping train Senior Olympians, participating in field day at the Boys and Girls Club, speaking to children and his service on committees such as the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

"I don't get home too much because I'm up here doing a lot of things," Harris said. "But just being back home and being recognized back home in Atlanta was something special to me. It just lets them know that I'm still here and I appreciate all the support they give."

Head coach Bill Webb was thrilled about Harris joining the team for NCAAs. But he is equally thrilled about Harris' efforts to share his many talents away from the competition.

"Stephen Harris has done a number of things and that's good," Webb said of his athlete's community service efforts. "I like our guys to give back to the community and have an opportunity to go different places. People are looking up to them to make a difference."

The banquet served as the backdrop to honor some of sports' most influential people. Three-time Olympic gold medallist Gwen Torrence was honored as an Olympic Peach of an Athlete. She won the gold in the 200m in 1992 and the 4x100m relay in 1992 and 1996. Andrew Young was honored with the Bobby Jones Award. Young is a member of the Atlanta Civil Rights Organization who served as the top aid to Dr. Martin Luther King during the Civil Rights Movement and was influential in bringing the Olympics to Atlanta in 1996. Former winners of the Bobby Jones Award include Roger Staubauch, George Bush, Hank Aaron and Ted Turner.

In the midst of it all, Harris' highlight was when he spotted former Vol great Sam Graddy. Graddy was a sprint specialist in the mid-1980s at UT. He was NCAA champion in 1983 as a member of the 4x100m relay team, and again in 1984 in the 100m dash. Graddy was part of the 4x100m relay team that won the gold medal and set a new world record in the 1984 Olympics, teaming with track stars Ron Brown, Calvin Smith and Carl Lewis. Graddy also brought home the silver medal in the 100m behind teammate Lewis.

"I saw him walking around and I was like, 'That's Sam Graddy,'" Harris said. "I went up to him and shook his hand. It turns out he was just as excited to meet me as I was to meet him.

"I always see his picture when I'm walking around in Stokely. He's one of the all-time greats. It was just exciting to meet him and see what he's doing now. Just to have a connection with him is something very special. I won't forget it."

One day, Harris' picture just might be hanging in the halls of Stokely Athletic Center, a wall of fame for Volunteer track heroes. Whether it's for his performance on the track or his contributions away from the competition is still to be determined. Harris speaks fondly of the Vols track program and the attitude of the team members.

"Some of the schools have superstars and they know they're superstars," he said. "They act like they're superstars, and rightfully so, but you have to realize you're out there training like everybody else. You have to push all the hype away and realize you're just a person trying to better yourself and trying to work hard."

The phrase "blue collar" may be overused, but Harris sees it as an integral part of the road to success.

"You need that blue collar ethic, to go out there, get it done and be proud of it. We put our time in. We realize that, even though we're all good, anybody can come and take our spot. So we go out there every day like we're No. 3 or No. 4, working hard for No. 1.

As time winds down on his Vols career, he's looking to the future and what might lie ahead. Like most college students, it's in the forefront of his thoughts.

"I've been thinking about that," he said. "This year, in general, and in all my years, I've done well. I can ask myself, 'What or who says I can't compete and do well?' So this year, I've been making the decisions and making the adjustments for my future to go ahead and continue this to a professional career in track and field, at least through 2004 or 2008, or however long the Lord will let me."

But there's more than that, he says. "I came to school to get an education, and run a little bit of track. Being a teacher is ultimately what I aspire to be - teaching high school, becoming a principal or administrative person in the American educational system.

"I'll still be working toward that. Even though I'll be competing, I'm still going to have my eye fixed on that. I'm not going to run all my life. This is something I'd like to help pass on the character that was passed on to me. I really admire the idea of education, serving the community, serving the younger generation and helping them along,"

So Stephen Harris definitely has his priorities in order with everything going in the right direction. The Vols experience has been good for him and he's been good for the Vols program.

Semper fidelis. That's the Marine motto. Always faithful. That's Stephen Harris in a nutshell. The Marines knew what they were doing when the named him the recipient of the inaugural Collegiate Athlete Leadership Award. He's their kind of guy.

by Josh Pate and Tom Mattingly

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEARING GOAL

Since Doug Dickey took the role of The University of Tennessee Men's Athletics Director in 1985, a new championship horizon has been established - literally. Thompson-Boling Arena was constructed. Neyland Stadium added skyboxes and the upper level in the north end zone was completed. Lindsey Nelson Stadium was built. There was Goodfriend Tennis Center, Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex and a host of other facilities that have been constructed or upgraded over Dickey's 18 years at the helm of UT athletics. But, in his final month as Director of Athletics for the Volunteers, Dickey is nearing the completion of the most ambitious facility effort of his tenure.

STEP UP - The Campaign for Tennessee Athletic Facilities is a $44.25 million facility campaign that will directly impact 17 of the 20 Tennessee men's and women's sports. The funding for this campaign will come in two phases. In April 2001, the Athletics Department announced ticket price increases in football and men's and women's basketball that will provide $20 million through the 2005-06 fiscal/academic year. The remaining $24.25 million is being raised privately from alumni, friends and fans of Tennessee athletics. To date, a group of less than 200 donors have stepped up themselves and committed $22 million to ensure the success of the campaign. This leaves less than $2.25 million before the campaign goal is reached.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress of the STEP UP Campaign," says John Currie, Associate Athletics Director for Development. "It has been overwhelming to see the response of Tennessee fans as we have discussed the goals and objectives of the campaign."

Toby and Brenda McKenzie of Cleveland, Tenn., made the first commitment to the STEP UP Campaign with their $4 million gift. To recognize their generosity, the University of Tennessee has named the new Athletic Center in their honor. The McKenzie Athletic Center is currently under construction on the corner of Lake Loudoun Boulevard and Chamique Holdsclaw Drive. It will become the new primary entrance to the athletics program. The four-story complex will house the Douglas A. Dickey Hall of Champions, a gallery honoring Tennessee's team and individual SEC and NCAA champions. The Nelson/Ward Room will honor the history and achievements of legendary broadcasters Lindsey Nelson and John Ward. The upper levels of the facility will house athletic administration offices.

On November 9, 2002, the STEP UP Campaign stood $8 million short of its goal prior to Allan and Janie Jones, also of Cleveland, Tenn., announcing their $4 million challenge gift that will be used to help construct the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center adjacent to the existing Student Aquatics Center. Construction on the new facility, which will include a new pool and diving well, along with new seating and locker rooms, is set to begin in January 2004. Since the chal-

The McKenzie Center under construction.

lenge was issued an additional $2 million has been raised with over six months still remaining in the campaign.

The importance of improved facilities has been recognized by numerous former student-athletes who have decided to participate in the campaign. A group of over 50 swimmers, divers and their families recently announced their pledges in excess of $450,000. Numerous former football players have made commitments, as well as other former student-athletes helping to match the Jones Challenge Gift. Overall, a total of $5 million has been pledged by former UT student-athletes during this campaign.

Those goals and objectives of the STEP UP Campaign include construction and improvements to seven different athletic facilities in order to maintain Tennessee's competitiveness among the elite programs in America. Southeastern Conference schools like Florida, Alabama and Georgia, as well as non-conference institutions like Texas, North Carolina, Ohio State and Oklahoma, have all recently completed campaigns to upgrade athletic facilities. Tennessee is next.

"It's a matter of trying to stay ahead of the curve," says football coach Phillip Fulmer. "Facilities have a tremendous amount to do with that. You can talk to a recruit all you want about how committed you are to athletics, but until they see something physically, that's all it is, talk. These facility improvements will put Tennessee back in the mix of the top eight to 10 schools in the country."

Along with the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center and the McKenzie Athletic Center, plans have been made for several other facilities. Other plans include building a new intercollegiate golf clubhouse. A 5,000-square-foot clubhouse and golf complex will house heated hitting bays, coaches' offices, video training space and locker rooms. It will replace the current metal maintenance building at the M.C. James Golf Range at Northshore Park.

Another objective of the STEP UP Campaign is to improve the facilities for the softball and soccer teams. The current softball stadium is an off-campus facility owned by the city of Knoxville. However, the new facility will have permanent stands, dugouts, lights, locker rooms, rest rooms and concessions facilities.

The Lady Vols soccer team has ranked in the top 10 in average attendance, despite the fact that the current facility on Leinard Lane only holds 1200. With plans to add men's soccer to Tennessee athletics, a new permanent home for the soccer program will provide potential for future facility expansion and a dedication to the program.

"In order for Tennessee to continue to attract top national recruits, it is imperative that we not only compete, but surpass our competition," says women's soccer coach Angela Kelly. "We want a national championship at Tennessee. The only obstacle I see in our pursuit is the lack of a permanent soccer facility."

Facility upgrades include locker room renovations in Neyland Stadium, along with the completed improvements to the Wolf-Kaplan Hospitality Center near the locker room. Expansion of the indoor artificial turf practice field in the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center is also underway, joined by the construction of the McKenzie Athletics Center.

"It's not about having the nicest lockers or the biggest arena," says Lady Vols basketball coach Pat Summitt. "It's what results from giving our players and our fans first-class facilities. Demonstrating to our student-athletes that we're a big-time school creates an automatic level or respect. They know that they have to work hard and respect the program to be worthy of the investment we're making in their athletic careers."

Tennessee is part of only one percent of Division I programs that do not receive funds from the university, state subsidies or tax revenues. Therefore, for these facilities to be completed and for Tennessee to maintain its membership in the elite status of athletic programs that both win championships and are in the forefront of academics, everyone must step up.

"Now," says Currie, "the challenge is to spread the word to all the Tennessee fans and let them know about this exciting program that they can participate in and help ensure the future successes of all the Vols teams."

The STEP UP Campaign, in seeking to attain the $44.25 million goal by December 31, 2003, is open to everyone who wants to be part of the Tennessee tradition of being a Volunteer. Whereas ticket increases and private donations have brought the capital campaign close to being completed, it will take the involvement of many to reach the final goal.

Perhaps John Thornton, chairman of the STEP UP Campaign, said it best: "There is nothing that brings the state of Tennessee together more than University of Tennessee athletics." But the Volunteer nation extends its borders to all parts of the nation, and even the world. And in doing so, Tennessee is seeking assistance from everyone in completing this important leg of helping student-athletes achieve the highest level of competition possible through appropriate facilities.

For more information on the STEP UP Campaign or to receive a free CD-ROM that goes into greater detail about the facility plans for the STEP UP Campaign, contact Scott Rabenold or John Currie in the VASF office at (865) 974-1218.

NEWS FROM THE VASF

PARKING APLICATIONS DUE JUNE 9

Parking applications were mailed in mid-May to all VASF donors at the Ridgerunner ($250) annual level and higher. Donors should carefully read the letter which was enclosed that includes instructions on how to complete the application indicating choices of lots.

Applications are due in the VASF office June 9, 2003. If you have questions or did not receive an application please call the VASF officer at 865-974-1218.

As a contributor to The University of Tennessee, your donation gives you priority to purchase a parking space for University of Tennessee football games. This parking pass is for the sole use of the donor. This parking pass may not be sold or bartered. Violation of this rule will result in the loss of your parking benefit for University of Tennessee football games.

FOOTBALL TICKET REQUESTS

The VASF Office is currently processing all of the ticket requests received by our donors for the 2003 season. We must have the request in writing in order to change the seat locations. Please make sure to indicate how your VASF account is listed and the specific change you would like to make in your seats for home football games. Due to the volume of requests received each year, it is not possible to call each donor during the process. However, each donor will be notified by mail regarding the outcome of his/her request. Should you have any questions about this process, please contact the VASF Office at (865) 974-1218.

COLLEGIATE CLUB

If you have a son or daughter attending The University of Tennessee make sure to sign them up for the VASF Collegiate Club.

The Collegiate Club is designed to give students an opportunity to positively impact Tennessee's athletic programs while having fun getting involved in the program. The VASF Collegiate Club's purpose is to promote school spirit and participation by students, faculty, friends and alumni. By joining, he or she will become part of a championship tradition, as well as one of the nation's top scholarship organizations.

For a yearly membership fee of $30, students receive membership in the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund, thus building a base for future priority in getting tickets for athletic events after graduation while providing financial support to the scholarship program.

They will also receive a VASF Collegiate Club T-shirt; VASF and Lady Vol window decal; opportunities to meet with coaches and players; social events for members such as pizza gatherings, tailgate parties and game viewings for away games; annual subscriptions to Volunteers Magazine, the official magazine of UT athletics; discounts at local businesses when you present your VASF Collegiate Club membership card; opportunity to have a ticket in the VASF Collegiate Club ticket block at all home football games; opportunities to travel to away football games via charter bus; and networking opportunities through approximately 11,000 members of the VASF. To join or for more information please call us at (865) 974-1218.

From the Desk of...

MIKE HAMILTON

It's been an exciting several weeks around the Hamilton household since Dr. Shumaker's announcement May 10. I am honored to be taking over as Athletics Director July 1.

The thing that has specifically impressed me is the tremendous outpouring of support from the Tennessee family. The volume of mail, e-mails and phone calls has been inspiring and I'm trying to keep up with them all.

I am grateful for your support and encouragement. I'll remember that each day as I work continually to help build on the success of the past and the promise of the future.

There's no place I'd rather be than the University of Tennessee. Our potential is unlimited, bounded only by the imagination and creativity all of us here bring to our jobs on a daily basis.

I am committed to making the Athletics Department a more customer-focused organization, whether we are talking about donors, ticket buyers, or anybody we deal with on a one-time or daily basis. You are important to us and we want your experience with us at the games, in our office or your office, or whenever and wherever we see you to be a pleasant one.

We have just finished the 2003 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan and, once again, it has been a delight to see each of you at the 14 venues across Tennessee, in Cincinnati and Orlando. The Vols family is a special one and your participation is most appreciated.

The coaches and I enjoyed being with you and sharing our vision for the months and years to come.

The scripture says that, "Without vision, the people perish." I have a vision for what we need to accomplish and how we need to get there.

I am committed to the welfare of our student-athletes, winning championships in all sports, playing by the rules and running a financially sound operation at UTAD.

I know you share this vision and, as always, I appreciate your part in helping make this a strong and successful organization.

This is your Athletics Department and these are your teams. Our customers, fans, donors and friends will always have a No. 1 place in my thoughts during my tenure here.

As I said, your response to my being named AD has been inspiring, yet the challenge is not getting the job, but doing the job the right way.

I am ready to lead this organization and I am ready to work with each of you to help make it better.

Thank you for your support and good wishes. Please know that Beth, Madison, Matthew and I will always cherish the moments and the great moments to come in Tennessee athletics.

It's time to take the next great step forward. I know we can make good things happen.

Expect to win!

DON AND FLORENCE JONES MAKE SPECIAL GIFT

As the SEC Track and Field Championships were moving into their third day May 17 outside on Tom Black Track, ceremonies were held inside at the University of Tennessee Men's Track and Field Office, Room 130 in Stokely Athletics Center, to name the suite of offices after UT alum Don Jones, Class of 1950, and wife, Florence, of Crowley, La.

With head track coaches Bill Webb and J.J. Clark and other UTAD administrators looking on, Doug Dickey and Joan Cronan discussed the implications of the Jones gift.

"On behalf of the University of Tennessee, I want to thank Don and Flo for their long-time support of the University of Tennessee," Cronan said. "He is a track enthusiast and loves all sports. We are excited about their commitment.

"Down where we come from," Cronan said, referencing her days in Louisiana, "we would say they're from down the Bayou."

"We are here today to thank Don and Flo for their generous commitment to the University of Tennessee," Dickey said. "They have been strong supporters of the University and the Athletics Department, particularly the Tony Wilson Memorial Athletics Scholarship. Today we honor them for their recent commitment to the STEP-UP Campaign."

Don and Flo join (L-R) Vince Anderson, J.J. Clark, George Watts, Bill Webb and Doug Dickey outside of the office that bears their name.

Don Jones, a UT geology graduate who has also endowed a scholarship in the Department of Geological Sciences, said his grandson was 15 and a promising discus thrower.

He added that he ran track in high school and would have loved to have participated in college after his return from World War II.

"Track is my first love," he said.

"I have worked with Chuck Rohe, Stan Huntsman and Bill Webb over the years and have been impressed with them running a class program with class athletes. I have always enjoyed being associated with nice people. I'm overwhelmed with this honor."

Dickey added that, "From the updates to Tom Black Track that we all see with the new scoreboard, the resurfacing of the track, and the construction on the south side, we are doing everything we can to make sure we have the best facilities for our track program."

The gift to create the Don and Florence Jones Track Office is part of STEP UP, a comprehensive program for new, renovated and expanded facilities benefiting 17 of UT's 20 men and women's intercollegiate teams. These improvements are designed to enable UT to continue competing for SEC and NCAA championships in each of its sports.

For more information about Tennessee's athletics facility renovation plans or to find out about donating to the university's Athletics Department, contact Scott Rabenold or John Currie at (865) 974-1218.

by Tom Mattingly

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REMEMBERING JIMMY "COWBOY" HILL

Just a few weeks ago, UT lost one of its great lettermen, Jimmy "Cowboy" Hill, who died suddenly of a heart attack. Cowboy, as his friends and former teammates came to know him, typified what I have said many times about the "T" Club. It is a place not only to renew old friendships from days gone by, but to make new ones with former athletes from different sports and generations. For me, Cowboy was one of those new friends.

For those of you that may not remember him, he was one of our first great multi-sport stars.

From 1948 to 1950 he lettered in football, baseball and track. His exploits in football, particularly the Cotton Bowl Championship team of 1950 are part of Tennessee's gridiron legend. In the last quarter of the 1951 Cotton Bowl, he was responsible for two turnovers which led to a Tennessee win over Texas and served as the platform for the 1951 National Championship.

Cowboy went on to play in the NFL for the Detroit Lions, helping win an NFL Championship during his professional career.

However, Cowboy was more than just an athlete. He went on to become a wonderful husband, father, accomplished businessman in Maryville and even a politician serving on the Maryville City Council. Cowboy also loved golf.

Many of us have taken comfort in knowing that the two days preceding his sudden death he managed to squeeze in 36 holes. Cowboy always used to get teased at our Board meetings when he would emphatically state that there would be no rain date for the Lettermen's Golf Tournament.

When others assumed his chairmanship of the golf committee, we made sure to always note that Jim Hill was in charge of any rain date. This would usually bring a chuckle not only from Jim, but the rest of our group as well.

One of the most important things that Cowboy did in his later years was serve as the first President of the then reincarnated "T" Club. The Lettermen's

Association had stood in disarray for several years until Jim and others, including Pat Shires, Andy Kozar and Lloyd Richardson, decided to resurrect our group.

Under Cowboy's leadership, our Lettermen's Association now stands as a model for all other universities. Because of Jim's efforts to breathe life into a then-defunct group, we are now an organization more than 1500 strong and recognized as the premiere lettermen's alumni group in the nation.

Most importantly to me, and as I said at the beginning of this article, Cowboy became one of my new friends who, but for this organization, I likely would not have met. Cowboy and I have traveled, dined and laughed together over the course of our friendship.

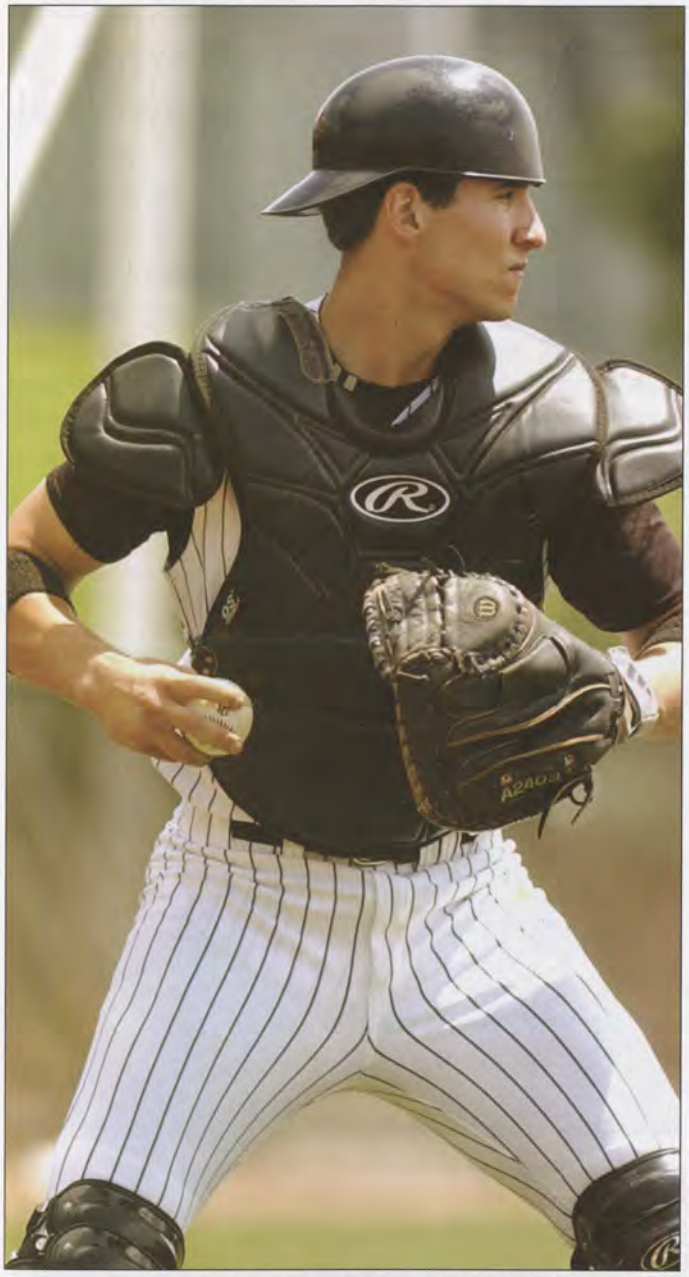
I remember his excitement during the 2001 Cotton Bowl (2000 season) when he and other alumni of the 1951 Cotton Bowl team (1950 season) were asked to participate in the coin toss at the beginning of the game. It was great to see Jim and other members of that team having another moment of glory, remembering one of their finest moments.

Reach out to those you have met in our group. Although Cowboy is gone, it is certain he will live on in our memory and lore here in Big Orange Country.

Go Vols!

By Don Bosch, Past President

STUDENT-ATHLETES MAKING A CONTRIBUTION



Sometimes in the crunch of wins and losses, in the excitement of the season, in good times and bad, some good stories get lost in the shuffle. That was the case with something in the Knoxville News Sentinel a few weeks ago that, once again, highlighted the positive influence University of Tennessee student-athletes have on a community and its people.

You will remember that Mike Hamilton, in remarks accepting his appointment as Athletics Director several weeks back, said as much when he talked about the "core values" he wanted to be the hallmark of his tenure.

"Also on his mind," we wrote, "were what he identified as 'five core values' which would guide his time as AD: compliance with NCAA and SEC rules, competing for championships, running a financially sound operation, graduating student-athlete and continuing a pattern of service to the community and state, with the Athletics Department as a positive role model."

The words "positive role model" characterize this story, which came from an 8-year-old who idolized Vols catcher Javi Herrera. News Sentinel sportswriter Chuck Cavalaris takes up the cudgels in his column entitled *AskChuck@knews.com*.

Here's a letter he received in mid-May:

I just wanted to write you to see if I could get a "Thank you note" in the News Sentinel.

My 8-year-old son, Logan Seagle, plays baseball for the Telsouth Smokies at Bowers Field. He is the catcher and sports the same number (44) as UT catcher Javi Herrera.

Javi has always been Logan's favorite player and usually gets to talk to him after the Vols games and has even played catch with him after some of the games.

On Saturday after the Arkansas game, Logan asked Javi if he could come to one of his games and Javi told him he would try to make it.

Last Tuesday night, Logan had a game and also brought along Josh Alley, Rob Fitzgerald, Alex Suarez and Luke Hochevar.

These young men are such role models to my son and I am so thankful that Logan has someone like these young men to look up to.

If I could get a Thank you note" to these guys that would be great, as this would be something Logan and I would always cherish.

Lisa Vineyard, Logan's mother, signed the letter.

OBSERVATION: Just when you think you might be getting soured on college athletics, here comes a story like this one.

My friend David Housel, now AD at Auburn, once wrote in regard to Tiger great Zeke Smith, an Outland Trophy winner on the Plains in the 1950s, that there was "No hero like the first hero." He remembered Zeke, a native of Uniontown, Ala., from his youthful days following the Tigers and has admired him ever since

Neither one of us knew it at the time, but Dick Williams and I took great pains at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet this spring to recall the same thing about former Tennessee head coach Johnny Majors, who was a tailback on the Hill in our formative years as Vols fans. That phrase applied to both of us and still does.

Logan Seagle has his hero, Vols catcher Javi Herrera, and the memories will more than likely stay with him for a lifetime. That's a great feeling.

So just when you think that collegiate athletes are just numbers on the back of whatever jersey of whatever team you might be rooting for, think about Tennessee's and the Telsouth Smokies No. 44, Javi Herrera and Logan Seagle.

There's a story there that makes you feel better about college sports and the people who play them. T

by Tom Mattingly

40 STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE NOW GRADUATES

When graduation ceremonies were held last month at Thompson-Boling Arena, there were 40 University of Tennessee student-athletes receiving degrees, from nearly all sports.

Heading the list was football's Kevin Burnett, who received his degree in three years. He is a junior eligibility-wise and is one of the captains of the 2003 team. Leading the way from the women's side was Lady Vols basketball player and 2003 Torchbearer Kara Lawson.

Burnett is a sport management major from Carson, Calif., while Lawson is a finance major from Alexandria, Va. The graduates for the Spring Semester 2003 also included:

Dan Wilson, Baseball, Geography
Gwen Jackson, Women's Basketball, General Psychology
Kacey Montgomery, Rowing, Microbiology
Carolyn Harrington, Rowing, Biomedical Engineering
Sally Beville, Rowing, Child Development
Kelly Kravitz, Rowing, Family Studies
Kay Logan, Rowing, Spanish
Kelly Kraiss, Rowing, Special Ed
Andy Kerr, Football, Animal Science (Pre-Vet)
Dusty Ishii, Football, Public Relations
Will Ofenheusel, Football, Logistics and Transportation
Mark Weaver, Football, Legal Studies
Caroline Cole, Women's Golf, General Business
Andrew Black, Men's Golf, Sport Management
Ellen Dean, Soccer, Biology (BCMB)
Cameron Conway, Soccer, Political Science
Jennifer Laughridge, Soccer, Sport Management
Blaine Teasley, Softball, Psychology
Nicole Borg, Softball, Sport Management
Brett Tannhauser, Men's Swimming, Broadcasting
Courtney Naparlo, Women's Swimming, Exercise Science
Bethany Hall, Women's Swimming, Logistics and Transportation
Stacey Binyon, Women's Swimming, Marketing
Bianca Jones, Women's Swimming, Marketing
Cortney Piper, Women's Swimming, Political Science
Bradley Pinson, Women's Swimming, Speech Logistics and Transportation
Justin Hoggatt, Men's Swimming, Logistics and Transportation
Douglas Parrish, Men's Swimming Psychology
Michael Gross, Men's Swimming, Criminal Justice
Crystal Cleveland, Women's Tennis, Child Development
Vilmarie Castellvi, Women's Tennis, Marketing
Kimberly Gates, Women's Tennis, Broadcasting
Paul Podbury, Men's Tennis, Journalism, Chemistry
Janine Tessarzik, Women's Track, Chemistry
Diane Slinden, Women's Track, Biology
Christie Baird, Women's Track, Family Studies
Aoife Hearne, Women's Track, Nutrition
Sharon Dickie, Women's Track, Sport Management

Guest speaker for the ceremonies was U.S. Representative Harold Ford, Jr. (D-Memphis).

The graduates and their families were honored at a breakfast at the Varsity Inn in Gibbs Hall earlier that morning.

CRARAVAN MAKES 14 STOPS THIS YEAR

The 2003 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan has come to end except for two of the golf outings that had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. The VASF would like to thank our title sponsor, Coca-Cola, as well as Verizon Wireless, Houndogs, CSS, and Chilhowee RV for helping bring the Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan to a city near you. We would also like to thank the UT National Alumni Association for all its hard work in helping organize many of the dinner events.

This was an exciting caravan as Men's Athletic Director Doug Dickey got a chance to see many on his Vol friends on his last Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan tour. Also, Men's Athletic Director elect Mike Hamilton was introduced as the new head of the Men's Athletic Department on this year's tour.

The Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan would not be possible without the local event organizers that volunteer for the Big Orange to help make the Caravan what it is each year. Here are the people that make the Caravan happen:

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The Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan is a great opportunity for our coaches and staff members to meet with many of our loyal fans and supporters. This year, over 3500 Big Orange fans, donors, and alumni, in 14 cities across Tennessee and the southeast, attended Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan events. VASF supporters and fans enjoyed golf in several cities and dinner as they got to hear the scoop on upcoming seasons from the likes of Phillip Fulmer, Pat Summitt, Buzz Peterson, Bob Kesling, and other UT athletic coaches and staff. If you did not get a chance to attend one of the events this spring, look for more opportunities to see various UT coaches and staff on our volunteer website, *www.utsports.com*.

Two rained out golf events will be made up in Chattanooga and Cleveland. We will play Chattanooga Golf and Country Club July 7, 2003 and Cleveland Country Club July 8, 2003. For further information and availability on either of these events, please contact Cathy Ashby @ 423/892-4106 for Chattanooga and Keith Hight @ 423/336-3661 for Cleveland.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2003 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan a great success. We hope each of you had a chance to attend one of the events and become better friends with University of Tennessee athletic coaches and staff.

by Brain Carroll

PERSEVERANCE MADE HER A CHAMPION

As she completed her final lap in the women's 5,000m race, she still had that sense of urgency even though she was far ahead of the rest of the field. Through the standing ovation, Sharon Dickie wanted to finish her career at Tennessee with the same determination she came here with. As she rounded the last turn. she turned to her instincts and sprinted to the finish line to capture the individual title, and it was a capstone to a ride of emotions and perseverance that had brought her to this point.

Dickie is a delightful woman with a genuine smile and an easy-going personality. But don't let that fool you about her strength as an athlete.

She has overcome various injuries during her career, some which could have ended her career before it began. She came to the University of Tennessee in 1999, but had to redshirt during both the cross-country and track and field seasons due to an inflammatory condition in her left hip. Then in 2000 she placed eighth at the SEC Outdoor Championships in Athens, Ga., despite having strep throat. And in 2001 Dickie again had to battle the injury bug as she suffered stress fractures in both legs which caused her to miss the entire cross country season. But Dickie never gave up.

"I have had some good races and I have had some bad ones, but I have learned a lot here at the University of Tennessee," said Dickie. "I think all of the problems that I have run into will help me later on in life. I just know that every single time I got knocked down I got right back up. After suffering one injury after another you just want to give up, but that is the one thing I have learned is to just keep going and not give up."

As if the injuries were not enough of a struggle, Dickie also saw the coaching carousel run its course. In her five years here on The Hill, Dickie is now working with her fourth head coach. It would have been easy for Dickie to just throw in the towel and head elsewhere, but she chose to remain a Lady Vol.

"With every coach there has been positives things that have come out of the coaches that I have had," said Dickie. "I think I have learned from each one because they were all so very different. It was hard to learn from that coach then to have a new coach come in and I had to adjust.

"I think the girls who will have J.J. (Clark) for the next four years will just do awesome. When you have the same coach throughout your career you can build off of them, and that is something I didn't have. But, I am really happy that I got J.J. for my last year here."

It is obvious that she has learned a lot from her time here in the hills of East Tennessee. The events that she has endured have not changed her but made her stronger. Words such as enlightenment, maturity, wisdom and coming of age could describe her transformation, but whatever adjective you chose to describe her, it is her shear determination to accomplish whatever she has set her sites on that fits best.

"Leaving Tennessee, I have a lot of good experiences here and I have made a lot of good friends. If I didn't have running, I still think I would have picked Tennessee as my college choice. People ask me that all the time, especially when I was injured. They would ask me if I was still happy and I would say, 'Yeah,' because when I was taking all my recruiting visits I didn't feel at home like I did at Tennessee. If I didn't have running I would have still come here.

"The people here are really nice. It is a Southern thing and I am from the North. The teachers and coaches in general try to help you as you come in as a freshman. We have great athletic facilities and the Thornton Center is awesome. We have a lot of things here that other schools don't have and that is the thing I think I will miss when I leave. That is the thing I will miss, is the small things, which I think we take for granted."

But in this race she was ready to give her all, both for her teammates and for Tennessee.

She showed it when the race began on the final day of the League Championships. On a cloudy night where rain showers had already once pelted the track and the humidity level made things a bit uncomfortable, Dickie began her race with planned precision and calculation.

As the race began she was in the middle of the pack and after the first lap she began to size her competition and comfort level of the evening air. By the second lap Dickie was making her move through the pack and the crowd began to applaud behind her. By the fourth lap she was in control of the event and she began to distance herself form the rest of the runners.

"I wanted to do my best," Dickie said. "My coach (Clark) had given me some splits, but it was too hot to go for a personal best, so I didn't meet those goals. The NCAA Regionals and Championships overshadow the SECs as far as my focus is concerned."

Now it was she and she alone, and the goal of becoming an SEC champion that she strived for. As she finished the final laps she heard the shouts from Clark giving her the split times, as well as members of Tennessee's track teams encouraging her. Even members of the event staff and others working the meet began to applaud and encourage her to keep running.

"I took the lead early, lost it and then went ahead for keeps after about a mile. It was very nice to run on my home track, with the fans behind me. Their support helped, because I was getting tired."

Once around the track, she looked directly at her coach and she seemed to smile. She knew that as long as she kept this pace the race was hers. And it was. She had earned it. Through all of the adversity, Dickie kept sight of her goals and she didn't stop until she reached it. She is now an SEC champion and no one can ever take that away from her.

It goes back to her days in Grand Blanc, Mich., where she was a standout distance runner at Grand Blanc High School. At Grand Blanc, she was a two-time captain of the cross country team and was the state runner-up her senior campaign in the 3200m outdoor race while capturing the state title at the indoor meet.

She uses that same inner strength in the classroom as well as she is also a two-time Academic All-SEC member. She wrapped up her career with a streak of 19 straight meets where she ran and was UT's top finisher. She became the first Lady Vol cross-country runner to earn All-SEC and All-South Region and qualify for NCAAs four times in a career. In the Fall of 2002 she won the Tennessee Invitational, adidas Wolfpack Classic, UTC Invitational, and took fifth at SECs and was second at the NCAA South Regional. She is a three-time Lady Vol Athlete of the Week and two-time SEC Athlete of the Week and the edsouth/Lady Vol Athlete of the Month for September of 2002.

But it was her final shining moment on Tom Black Track as she ran to the finish line, claiming a crown she so richly deserved. It is easy to root for the front-runners. But it is so much more fun to root for the underdog.

Persevering and then hitting the mark. It is a feat everyone can relish, and watching Dickie win the 5000m, it made everyone feel like winners. Thanks to Sharon Dickie for the memories and for reminding your peers that you can accomplish anything no matter what you have to go through. She is a true champion. T

by Donnell Field

STUDENTS GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE IN ADIDAS PROGRAM

Students were gathering trash and folding tablecloths as they cleaned the Wolf-Kaplan Center, but they couldn't quit smiling. They had pulled it off. The adidas Partners in Sports year-end awards presentation was a success.

But the way it was a success is the focus of the story. The students of the sport management majors club planned and directed the entire program themselves. They were the ones who ordered the plaques and awards. They planned for food arrangements. They invited everyone. And they played host to people like the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences Dean John Koontz, Tennessee men's basketball coach Buzz Peterson, former Gatorade executive Bill Schmidt, as well as Bill Haslam, Pilot Oil CEO and Knoxville mayoral candidate. And they were just at one table. Executive Director for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Patsy Neal was there. So was Jim Bemiller, Knoxville attorney, volunteer track coach and former track letterman. Ernie Brooks of the Knoxville Boys and Girls Club was there, as well as a host of others.

The awards presentation, which also celebrated the fifth year of Partners, was packed full of stars. And it was exactly what director Buck Jones envisioned in 1996 when he had the idea of creating a student-run organization with the goal of raising money to enhance the opportunities for sport management students. He wanted scholarship money. He wanted a resource center full of computers. But most of all, he wanted to give his students an opportunity in the world of sports. After over a year of planning, adidas Partners in Sports was born in 1998.

adidas Partners in Sports (www.partnersinsports.com) is a student-run organization for sport management majors with the goal of educating, developing and enhancing students by providing them opportunities to become better leaders. There were over 200 members in Partners this year. And Partners' slogan - "creating opportunities for tomorrow's sports leaders" - provides the exact definition of what Jones and his students are working toward. "Through Partners, we can offer some opportunities to students that I think otherwise they wouldn't get," Jones says.

"Partners has given me the opportunity to meet students and professionals in the sports industry and expand the network that I have created here in Tennessee," says Shelley Shick, a student board member who graduated in May and was involved with Partners for three years. "The opportunities are endless if you choose to participate."

adidas serves as the title sponsor for Partners and has developed a relationship between an academic program and an athletic equipment company. "It's a unique arrangement," Jones says. "But it is a partnership. They're getting something and we're getting something. It's exactly what I had in mind when I created this thing." The athletic equipment company receives annual interns, as well as assistance for city-wide events from focus groups to modeling new lines of adidas apparel. In return, Partners receives apparel and yearly contributions from adidas.

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> *Chip Bryant*
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> *Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing*

Along with the unique corporate partnership with adidas, one characteristic that Jones takes pride in is that Partners is totally student-run. There is a student board that serves as the voice of the

Molly Emmerich (left) with Vol head coach Phillip Fulmer.

members. There is also an advisory board - comprised of Jim Bletner, Joan Cronan, Mendy McMurtry, Tyler Johnson and Jones - that helps the students achieve their goals in raising money. "But everything we do, the students decide," Jones insists. "And every penny we spend has to show a benefit to the students or it doesn't get spent. There are no exceptions to that."

The student board prepares the scholarship guidelines, reviews applications and recommends the recipients. And each year, the amount of scholarship money has increased, thanks to donations to Partners and corporate partnerships. In 2000, the first two scholarships were given in the amount of $250 each. Scholarships have been enhanced through the support of adidas, Pilot Oil and several individual donors. The scholarship endowment is currently about $70,000, with the goal of reaching $200,000. This year, in celebrating the fifth year of Partners in Sports, the organization gave four scholarships worth $1000 each. This year's recipients were Shick, Josh Raymond, Marie Muhvic and Austin Shaver.

The students also created the Buck Jones Partners Award, given to the student who mirrors Jones' work in going the extra step to get things done. The inaugural award was presented to co-recipients in Shick and Molly Emmerich.

Meetings are held three times each semester and high-profile guest speakers highlight the event. From Tennessee's very own Peterson, Phillip Fulmer and Doug Dickey, to outside sources like former NCAA President Cedric Dempsey, Pilot Oil's CFO Jeff Cornish and Schmidt, the list goes on.

But the group doesn't just learn about opportunities in the classroom or during meetings. They take a hands-on approach to learning. Through the 2003 spring semester, 61 students were working in some fashion at either Athletics Department. Approximately 30 students worked the NCAA Tournament during Spring Break. This summer, Partners and two sport management classes will work in their annual assistance of the Knoxville Open golf tournament. At football games, Partners has a concession stand in the east end of the upper level.

The students also assist the marketing department with activities year-round. "It's very beneficial for the kids, but it's very beneficial for us too," says Chip Bryant, Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing. "It's a great involvement because some of the best experience you can get in school is actual work experience. It's been a win-win for both the Athletics Department and adidas Partners in Sports."

The organization has improved its scholarships each year and it has developed a rich resource center stocked with computers, printers and a scanner. The opportunities for students are abundant, but Jones says there's more to come. He would like to secure a corporate partnership for his intern program to provide assistance to the students as they travel for work experience. "Oftentimes they're away from home, they have to rent apartments and they still have to pay tuition," he says. "If we could give every student who gets to senior year ready to intern $500, that would help them immensely."

Jones continues to help his students. After five years of adidas Partners in Sports, his dream is alive and well, despite the fact that he adamantly refuses to take any praise for his efforts. But it's his efforts that are helping sport management students gain experience in hands-on situations. "adidas Partners in Sports is a great example of what a terrific group of students can accomplish," says Jones. The year end awards presentation was proof. T

by Josh Pate

VISION STATEMENT

The Sport Management program's vision is to be identified as a model professional preparation program for the 21st Century by exemplifying the principles and practices necessary to achieve world-class status. World class status will be achieved through an unwavering commitment to:

Academic Integrity
Diversity
Quality Instruction
Scholarship Service
Value for our Students

The goal of Sport Management is to have programs which reflect a scholarly, morally, and ethically based approach in the world of sport that is respected at the campus, state, national, and international communities while emphasizing partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well as within University, state, regional, national, and international communities.

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Fans Entertain Each Other During In-Game Promotions

Only at Lindsey Nelson Stadium can you watch cows parading around outside of the outfield wall, watch children racing Smokey around the bases in pursuit of a nine-pound Nestle chocolate bar, hear fans singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" out on the field, and watch students racing around the bases wearing inner tubes and snorkel gear.

This season, fans of all ages enjoyed participating in various in-game promotions such as the Chick-fil-A Cow Race, Golden Flake Hide-and-Seek, Eastman Chemical/Coca-Cola Bat Race, Petro's Pop Your Top, the Sterling University Heights Student Snorkel Scurry, the Nestle Crunch Time Mascot Race, Big Mama's Karaoke Café Seventh Inning Stretch, along with other promotions.

After every Sunday game, fans greeted the Vols on the field during Dairy Queen Fan Appreciation Day. Tennessee Baseball offers something for every member of your family, and the Vols welcome you to join them for another exciting season next year!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO

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2003-04 JR. VOLS CLUB

Do you want a behind the scenes look at Tennessee Athletics?
Jr. Vol members are invited to exclusive events * including a Men's Basketball practice, a Lady Vols Basketball practice, and the Orange and White Game.

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Jr. Vols membership valid August 31, 2003 - May 31, 2004.
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For more information, call (865) 974-1734.

***(Due to the popularity of Jr. Vols events, space is sometimes limited.)**

A PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY: UT MEDICAL CENTER

Tennessee athletes impact the lives of thousands of fans with their performance on the playing field. For some athletes, the relationships they build, and the impact they make off the playing field while visiting patients at UT Medical Center create a memory of a lifetime for those Big Orange fans. Tennessee student-athletes visit UT Medical Center as part of the Orange P.E.E.L. Community Outreach Program (Personally Entering and Enriching Lives) coordinated by the Thornton Academic Center. As part of the Community Outreach Program, the basketball and track and field teams visited with patients and staff on both the cancer and pediatric floors, in addition to the Emergency Room and Trauma Center.

As a Corporate Partner, UT Medical Center is visible throughout UT athletic events. UT Medical Center proudly supports the Vols and Lady Vols through Jumbotron signage in Neyland Stadium and signage in Thompson-Boling Arena. Radio and TV spots run during all Vol Network football and basketball broadcasts, and UT Medical Center serves as the official sponsor of the Phillip Fulmer, Buzz Peterson, and Pat Summitt television shows. Print ads in the football and basketball game day programs also promote UT Medical Center and it's services for the community. In September, UT Medical Center partnered with the Jr. Vols Club by sponsoring Baby Vol t-shirts. The t-shirts are given to all newborns born in UT Medical Center's Life Center so they can proudly wear the orange and white just days after their arrival.

"UT Medical Center is the only university hospital in East Tennessee.

There is difference between a university hospital and a community hospital and the association with a university hospital is important to people. Both Tennessee Athletics and university hospitals share the relationship of being at a different level," said John Sheridan, Vice President of Marketing for UT Medical Center.

In addition to the community outreach and corporate partnership, when necessary, Tennessee athletes are treated at UT Medical Center. "UT Medical Center is proud to partner with UT Athletics for the care of UT athletes," said Sheridan. "Our physicians and staff have the same passion for medicine that UT coaches and athletes have for their sports."

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"The University of Tennessee and the Vol Network are pleased to broadcast the UT Medical Center message to all of the Vols and Lady Vol fans across the region," said Steve Early, General Sales Manager for the Vol Network. "With the level of caring UT Medical Center offers, it is a distinctive story to tell and we enjoy being a key voice for them. UT Medical Center and the UT Volunteers share the common goal of building awareness about the many services and remarkable caregivers that make up UT Medical Center."

The University of Tennessee Athletic Department recognizes the UT Medical Center for their involvement and generous support of Tennessee Athletics.

CASTELLVI LOVES THE PRESSURE AND ANSWERS THE CALL

The spotlight has been on Vilmarie Castellvi the entire season. She's been put on a pedestal since the fall season opened. She's been the team leader each time the Lady Vols tennis team takes to the court. Ranked opponents have come knocking at her door all season. And she's answered.

Castellvi will be the first to say she's not worried about pressure. She'll tell you she doesn't mind it because there's nothing that's going to get rid of it. She's had a target on her for the entire season, but she's still got that "feisty" attitude, as she says. She's just having fun. Perhaps that's why she's the No. 1 tennis player in the nation.

And she has been No. 1 since April 9.

The senior from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, entered the fall season as the nation's top player and hasn't dropped lower than fourth the entire year. In fact, she was fourth at the beginning of the spring season and slowly climbed the ladder to regain her No. 1 status just before the SEC Tournament in Knoxville. Castellvi swept through her competition in the tournament to boost her combined dual and tournament record on the year to 39-4, although her Lady Vols were dropped by Florida in the semifinals, 4-3.

Against the Gators, her 6-1, 6-0 victory over No. 41 Julia Scaringe was win No. 39, her 18th in a row. And it was the one that put her in the Tennessee record books. Castellvi became Tennessee's all-time leader in singles wins with 134 in her career, entering the NCAA Championships. She broke Paula Kelly's record that stood for over two decades. "I never expected it, but I always wanted to do well," she says. "Numbers are numbers. But I think anyone can do better than I can. I just worked hard for it."

Co-head coach Sonja Hahn-Patrick agrees that Castellvi is one of the hardest workers. "But what makes her so successful," she says, "is that she is always concentrating on the present – what she can do now, or the next match. It's not what she has done, or what she is going to do a year from now. She's focused on what she needs to do today."

That focus has taken Castellvi to the top of the collegiate tennis world. And it has caused congestion on her trophy case. Prior to the conference tournament, she was named SEC Player of the Year – the first Lady Vols player ever to receive the honor – and first-team All-SEC at No. 1 singles. She was one of three Female Amateur Athletes of the Year, named by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. She has been named Lady Vol Athlete of the Week four times this year and edsouth Lady Vol Athlete of the Month twice. The University of Tennessee student newspaper, The Daily Beacon, named Castellvi Female Athlete of the Year.

Nationally, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association recognized her as Senior Player of the Year for both the Southeast Region and the nation. She's the first Lady Vols player to be given the national recognition. ITA also tabbed her as National Player of the Month for both January and March. And on an international note, her hometown newspaper, El Nuevo D'a, named her one of its Women of the 21st Century.

"I love it," she says of being the hunted, also noting that any additional pressure that comes with playing in the top spot isn't a big deal. Her 24-1 record in the Lady Vols' No. 1 position will attest to that. But she doesn't buy into the national ratings system "They're just rankings and it's on

CASTELLVI NAMED ITA NATIONAL SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SENIOR AND NO. 1-RANKED VILMARIE CASTELLVI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE LADY VOLUNTEER TENNIS TEAM ADDED ANOTHER HONOR TO HER LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS THIS SEASON WHEN SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S (ITA) NATIONAL SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S REITZ UNION. SHE BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER IN UT HISTORY TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. CASTELLVI EARNED THE SAME KUDOS FOR THE SOUTHEAST REGION AS WELL, A FEAT EQUALED ONLY BY FORMER LADY VOL STANDOUT WENDY ANDERSON IN 1992.

"IT'S A VERY WELL DESERVED AWARD FOR SOMEONE WHO'S WORKED SO HARD DURING HER CAREER," SAID UT CO-HEAD COACH MIKE PATRICK. "I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT SHE'S ACCOMPLISHED, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING VILMARIE DURING HER FUTURE CAREER."

paper. I can't go out there and be like, 'Oh, I'm better than you just because my ranking is better.'"

She has shown, not told.

The list of beaten foes includes No. 20-ranked Alicia Pillay from Tulsa; No. 17-ranked Amber Liu and No. 13-ranked Alice Barnes, both from Stanford; No. 12-ranked Sarah Riske from Vanderbilt; No. 11-ranked Kate Pinchbeck from North Carolina; and No. 6-ranked Sara Walker from UCLA. Twice Castellvi beat the No. 2-ranked player in Kelly McCain from Duke on March 23 and then Agata Cioroch from Georgia on April 12. That was just during the regular season. And those are just the players in the top-20.

Perhaps it's easier to count the losses. Sixteenth-ranked Christelle Grier from Northwestern handed Castellvi a 6-4, 6-2 defeat Feb. 8. That was it. It was Castellvi's only dual match loss of the spring season and just her fourth on the entire year, counting three losses during the tournament season last fall. "For the matches I've lost this year, I didn't have to lose them," she says. "I know I'm better than those girls, or at least I believe I'm better than those girls."

Castellvi even took her game internationally as soon as the SEC Tournament was finished. She traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to represent her native country in the 2003 Fed Cup. Her Puerto Rican team was in the Americas Qualifying Group II and went 4-0 in competition. As for Castellvi, she went 4-0 as well. The team's performance moves Puerto Rico to Group I status for next year's competition, providing them an opportunity to advance to the World Group Playoff ties.

"She's been groomed for that position," Hahn-Patrick says about Castellvi's domination in the spotlight. "Growing up in Puerto Rico, she was one of the best tennis players in the country."

Part of Castellvi's maturing this year has come from partnering with freshman Melissa Schaub to form the No. 5-ranked doubles tandem. Entering the NCAA Championships, the pair was 17-7 at the No. 1 doubles spot during dual matches. They were 7-1 in tournament play. The duo not only learned to win at a high level, but they also learned to compliment each other with a perfect-puzzle fit. "It's been a great experience for her and for me," Castellvi says. "I've been able to give her advice. She's taught me to be a better leader and grow as a person."

The duo was knocked out of the NCAA Doubles Championships, but it didn't keep Castellvi from continuing her domination. She secured a spot in the semifinals of the NCAA Singles Championships courtesy of being the only player to win in straight sets in the quarterfinals. Her 6-4, 6-1 defeat of 22nd-ranked Mira Radu of Mississippi was evidence of her dominance throughout the championships and made her the only Lady Vols player to ever make it past the quarterfinals of the singles tourney.

Making the finals improved Castellvi's record to 46-4 on the year. For some, there would be pressure or anxiety. But for Castellvi, it's highly unlikely. That's when she probably had her biggest smile. T

by Josh Pate

Castellvi was upset by Stanford's Amber Liu 7-6, 6-2 in the championship match of the NCAA Tournament.

SKINNS COMFORTABLE IN NEW SURROUNDINGS

Talk about a different environment. David Skinns was used to the English accent of his home in Lincoln, the city nestled on the eastern side of England near the North Sea. In the old city, there's the ancient Lincoln Cathedral that stands high above the surrounding skyline. Near the Cathedral, there's the Lincoln Castle. William the Conqueror built it in 1068 and, to this day, it still houses the original copy of the Magna Carta. Lincoln was once the most important city in England and many remnants are still there from the days of the Roman Empire.

The city is just off the path of common tourist sites in England. It's three hours north of London; two and a half hours southeast of Manchester. In all aspects, Lincoln is a hidden gem for tourists. Plus, it's home to Skinns' family: his parents Clive and Rosie, along with his sister Kirstie.

But Skinns left all that for Knoxville.

"The first two months I was here, it was a total culture shock," Skinns says about his moving from historic England to the depths of the South. The sophomore golfer for the Vols admits he was homesick and ready to pack his bags. Knoxville's flowing river and mountainous backgrounds were nice, but it wasn't home. No more Saturday and Sunday soccer matches to watch. It's football here, collegiate and NFL. Still, he decided to stick it out and give his temporary home a shot. It worked.

Skinns immediately became hooked on Tennessee. "It is the most dramatic turnaround in the shortest period of time I've ever seen in my coaching career or my life," says Tennessee golf coach Jim Kelson. "In a period of two weeks, he started to thoroughly enjoy Tennessee. He became a huge Volunteers fan and he's made this a positive place for him."

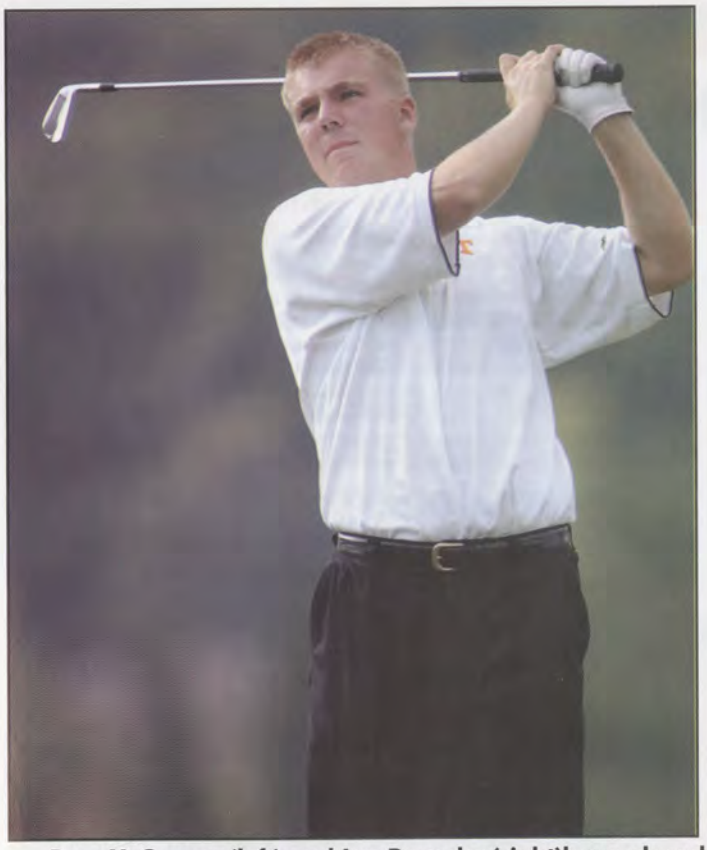
The change of heart not only came from his teammates' embracing the international student-athlete, but from immediate success on the golf course. In his first tournament, he finished tied for fifth at the Carpet Capital Collegiate with a three-round score of 214. As the tournaments went by, Skinns became more comfortable with his new teammates, his new coaching staff and his new home in Tennessee. "I think the team environment helped me enjoy it a lot more," Skinns says. "It's been great ever since."

It truly has.

Skinns finished up his freshman year by ripping through the Southeastern Conference and assuming his place as leader of the Tennessee team. He finished a stellar freshman campaign with a team-leading 71.83 stroke average and six top 10s. He won the individual title at the Cleveland Golf/Augusta State Invitational with a three-round score of 203.

Along with his performances came the appropriate accolades as Skinns was named second-team All-America and SEC Freshman of the Year. He was also recognized across the country when Softspikes named him National Freshman of the Year.

The attention Skinns received after a stellar freshman year was just enough to put some pressure on him as he entered his second year. "I think there's been a little bit more expectation on me because last year, nobody really knew how good I was," he says. "Everyone's expectations change over



Ross McGowan (left) and Ian Parnaby (right)have played big roles in leading the Vols to the NCAA Championships. Parnaby, a senior, claimed his first tournament win in the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate in the fall. McGowan is second on the team in scoring average at 72.88.

time. My own expectations change as well because I knew I was good enough to win at this level. I think I've lived up to my own expectations and I've played solid."

"David has played consistently well all year for us," Kelson says. "He has the skills to be an outstanding collegiate golfer, but that goes without saying. He has very high goals and expectations. That sets him apart."

Skinns led the team once again this year with a 71.91 stroke average. On the year, he has 16 rounds of par or better and has finished in the top 10 six times. He has three second-place finishes on the year - the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions (68-67-70 - 225); the Seminole Intercollegiate (69-70-70 - 209); and the North Carolina State Intercollegiate (69-72-67 - 208). In the NCAA East Regional at Auburn, Ala., Skinns had four birdies in the final round to finish tied for 25th (70-75-70 - 215) as the Vols finished fourth and qualified for the NCAA Championships. He was named first-team All-SEC for the second consecutive year. An individual tournament title eluded him this season, but he's still heading for green pastures this summer in the likes of Charleston, S.C.

The Kiawah Island Club's Cassique course in Charleston will play host to the 2003 Palmer Cup, which matches the best European amateurs against the best collegians from the United States. And Skinns will be in the middle of it all competing for Europe. "That's a great tournament," says Skinns, who wasn't able to compete in last year's Cup because he was representing England at a tournament in Poland. "It's getting bigger and bigger and the publicity is getting larger. I'm really looking forward to playing. I'll know all the guys on the American team as well, so it should be a really good week."

The event begins July 10 with fourball and singles match play, while July 11 will be foursome matches and single matches. "David has played a lot of big tournaments," Kelson says, "but I believe this will be his most memorable tournament when he's finished."

When the Palmer Cup is over, Skinns will be returning to Knoxville to prepare for his third year with the Vols. That was a distant thought two years ago when he made the move across the ocean and rested in a Southern college town. "It's difficult for an international player to come here and be comfortable," Kelson says, "and he was no different."

The comfort level has risen since Skinns arrived. His family has been to visit and they try to make the trip at least once a year. But Knoxville is a different place compared to historic Lincoln, with the lakes, rivers and mountains taking place of the cathedrals and castles. It took some adjustment, but Skinns is happy to be here. And the Vols are happy he's here too.

by Josh Pate

IN THE SPIRIT OF TENNESSEE...

JIM FYFFE REMEMBERED AS AUBURN "PATRIOT"

Auburn announcer Jim Fyffe, the pride of Paintsville, Ky., was to Tiger football and basketball what John Ward and Bob Kesling are to Tennessee athletics, Larry Munson is to Georgia, Jack Cristil is to Mississippi State, Cawood Ledford was to Kentucky and a whole host of others are to schools across the South and across the country. We don't hear them very much because we're usually there at the venue, but, since they're held in the same respect and awe of Ward and Kesling, they really have to be something special. Plus we get to see them whenever and wherever the games are.

Jim Fyffe, who died May 15, was something special.

"TOUCHDOWN AUBURN!" was his signature call and, when he was in the booth, he epitomized the hopes and dreams of uncounted Auburn faithful within and without Jordan-Hare Stadium or wherever else Auburn might be playing.

"He was from Kentucky and had listened our broadcasts," Ward said. "He was a professional and I had a good professional relationship with him. I thought a lot of him."

Ward recalled a night he was sick at Auburn and couldn't do a basketball game. Fyffe filled on both networks and never missed a beat. "I told him that he had the format and not to do too good a job. I never worried about Fyffe doing the job. With him, affiliations didn't matter."

Fyffe spent 22 seasons as the play-by-play announcer for Auburn football and men's basketball games.

"In a very real sense, the voice of Auburn has been silenced," said Auburn Athletics Director David Housel. "There will be other voices, but no one else will carry the excitement and enthusiasm Jim did. He had a special talent and he used that talent in a special way for the glory of Auburn. As long as people remember what has happened here in the last 20 years, 20 of the best years in Auburn history, they will remember Jim. He will forever more be a very special part of it. I've lost a friend, Auburn has lost a patriot."

He called play-by-play for Auburn's Southeastern Conference championship seasons in 1983, 1987, 1988, 1989 and the Tigers' undefeated season in 1993. He provided the radio call for 15 bowl games and action for such Auburn players as Bo Jackson, Brent Fullwood, Tracy Rocker, Aundray Bruce, Lawyer Tillman, Reggie Slack, Stan White, Takeo Spikes and Rudi Johnson. Fyffe was also known for his calls of men's basketball games where he popularized saying hello to a player's hometown after a dunk.

"Jim Fyffe always greeted you with a handshake and a smile," Kesling said. "He always came over to see you, home or away. He was a real pro. As good a broadcaster as he was, he was a better person.

"When Auburn was on probation in 1993, he developed a bond with the fans who grew to appreciate what a good job he did. He was a radio guy who saw his job as a craft."

The Southern broadcasters are something special, because of the teams they cover, the intensity of the fan base and the character they bring to the booth.

Godspeed, Jim Fyffe.

by Tom Mattingly

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THE ANNOTATED JOURNALS OF GENERAL R.R. NEYLAND

Former Vol fullback Andy Kozar, who played at Tennessee from 1950-52, has given Vols fans a behind-the-scenes look at the life and times of Gen. Robert R. Neyland in his new book entitled *Football as a War Game: The Annotated Journals of General R.R. Neyland.*

The new book, published by Falcon Press of Nashville, had to have been a labor of love for Dr. Kozar, who has, in his career, combined an impressive college resume, with an equally impressive post-graduate career.

After playing at Tennessee and playing for the Chicago Bears, Kozar earned his masters and Ph.D. at Michigan and in 1966 returned to UT as head of the Tennessee Men's Physical Education Program. In 1974, he was appointed executive assistant to the president of the University. He held that position until 1985 until he found his true passion was teaching and he was designated a University Professor.

He has worked in the Exercise Science Department for the past 17 years. He has been published numerous times and is an American College of Sports Medicine Fellow.

Although officially retired, he maintains an office on campus and remains in high demand by the sports and academic communities and is a treasured ambassador for the University.

"The two notebooks are simple nine-by-fourteen, hard-backed ledgers," Kozar said. "Entries in the first one began in 1926 with Neyland's first year as head coach. Entries for the second begin a decade later and end in 1952 when Neyland's health began to fail.

"Through these notebooks we are privy to many sides of Robert Neyland: the philosopher, the strategist, the military tactician. We watch the coach evaluating players with unvarnished frankness, ranking, ranking and ranking again. We observe the shrewd psychologist, who know when to motivate with praise, when to motivate with a challenge and who can ignite a player's 'hunger for contact' with a simple, carefully placed, chasing game."

Despite the passage of time (it has been more than 50 years since Neyland last coached, more than 40 since he died), the coverage of Neyland's philosophy is relevant today, especially when analyzed by a man who played for him during his final coaching seasons.

The items covered in the journals are revealing in themselves, but Kozar's annotations, plus a spate of vintage photographs of Neyland's players, coaching contemporaries and other influential people in his life and times, add the flavor that gives Neyland a full, yet fair, treatment.

That concept comes through the entire book, as the man called "General," or "Bull," by his players, behind his back, of course, explicates a philosophy that yielded a 173-31-12 record at Tennessee, College Football Hall of Fame status and a stadium, major Knoxville highway and scholarship fund named in his honor and memory.

There is an award given annually since 1967 by the Knoxville Quarterback Club to an outstanding leader in collegiate athletics.

There are the famed "Neyland Maxims," still given credence in the Vols football program today, as Neyland's disciples infused them in their proteges, including a line that goes from Neyland to Bob Woodruff to Doug Dickey to Phillip Fulmer.

The book may look imposing, but the true devotee of Tennessee football and the college game in general will find the journey as well as the destination worth the effort. When its 480 pages have been traversed, the reader will know more about a dominant figure in Tennessee football and will understand clearly how "more games are lost by the losers than won by the winners."

More than 50 years after Neyland ruled the Tennessee sideline, Kozar has shown us why the General was so successful.

The book is $74.95, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Robert R. Neyland Athletic Endowment in the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund. Call 1-866-VOLS WIN (865-7946). The cost is $74.95 plus shipping and handling.

Reviewed by Tom Mattingly

BASEBALL (31-24, 13-17 SEC)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Feb.			
7	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 13-0
8	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 8-2
9	Morehead St	Knoxville	W 16-3
14	The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	W 9-4
15	James Madison	Charleston, S.C.	W 11-6
16	Old Dominion	Charleston, S.C.	W 5-4
23	Bowling Green	Knoxville	W 8-2
23	Bowling Green	Knoxville	W 5-2
Mar.			
1	West Virginia	Knoxville	L 1-3
2	West Virginia	Knoxville	W 13-3
4	Louisville	Knoxville	W 18-2
5	Louisville	Knoxville	L 1-6
7	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 3-5
8	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 4-8
9	Miami (Fla.)	Knoxville	L 4-10
13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 2-3
14	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	W 9-6
15	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 2-3
19	Purdue	Knoxville	L 5-6
21	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 3-0
22	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 4-2
23	South Carolina	Knoxville	W 10-6
26	Tennessee Tech	Knoxville	W 6-5
28	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 3-5
29	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 1-5
30	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 5-7
Apr.			
1	Wofford	Knoxville	W 4-0
2	East Tennessee State	Knoxville	W 11-3
4	Ole Miss	Knoxville	W 7-2
5	Ole Miss	Knoxville	L 3-6
6	Ole Miss	Knoxville	L 8-9
11	*Georgia	Knoxville	W 12-9
12	*Georgia	Knoxville	W 16-3
13	*Georgia	Knoxville	L 6-8
15	East Tennessee State	Johnson City	W 8-6
16	UNC Asheville	Knoxville	W 3-1
18	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L 0-1
19	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L 1-4
20	*Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	W 9-8
21	Tennessee Wesleyan**	Knoxville	W 3-2
22	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville	L 1-2
25	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 4-17
26	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 6-10
27	*LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 4-15
29	UNC Asheville (McCormick Field)	Asheville, N.C.	W 14-8
30	Tennessee Smokies (Exb.)	Sevierville	L 6-8
May			
2	*Alabama	Knoxville	L 2-6
3	*Alabama	Knoxville	W 10-3
4	*Alabama	Knoxville	W 7-4
9	*Arkansas	Knoxville	W(12)1-0
10	*Arkansas	Knoxville	W 8-1
11	*Arkansas	Knoxville	W(11)4-3
12	Tusculum College	Knoxville	W 6-2
16	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	L 4-7
17	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	L 1-9
18	*Vanderbilt	Nashville	L 5-6
21-25	SEC Tournament	Birmingham, Ala.	

** - Game rescheduled from April 9

SOFTBALL (43-23, 14-15 SEC)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Jan.			
31-Feb 1	California Invitational (Berkeley, Calif.)		
	San Jose State		L 1-3
	California		L 4-8
	San Jose State		W 5-3
	California		L 1-11
Feb.			
7-9	Central Florida Triple Crown Inv. (Jacksonville, Fla.)		
7	UMKC		L 1-5
7	Stetson		W 2-1
8	Jacksonville		W 10-2
8	Jacksonville	Pool Final (3rd Place)	W 6-1
9	Rain Cancels Final Day of Competition		
14-15	Belmont U. Round Robin (Nashville)		CAN-
CELED RAIN			
21-23	UNLV Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)		
19	Appalachian State (Gm 1)	Knoxville	W 3-0
19	Appalachian State (Gm 2)	Knoxville	W 7-0
21	UL-Monroe		W 5-3
21	UNLV		W 3-0
22	Syracuse		L 0-3
22	UL-Monroe		W 3-2
23	Syracuse (Championship Game		W 4-2
26	East Tenn. St. (DH)	Knoxville	PPD
28- Mar. 2	Panther Invitational (Miami, Fla.)		
28	Buffalo		L 2-8
28	Florida International		W 3-2
Mar.			
1	Furman		W 12-5
1	Florida A&M		W 8-1
2	Furman	Panther Invitational Playoff	W 5-0
5	Belmont (Gm 1)	Knoxville	W 11-3
5	Belmont (Gm 2)	Knoxville	W 14-0
8	LSU (Gm 1)	Baton Rouge, La.	L 0-4
8	LSU (Gm 2)	Baton Rouge, La.	W 3-2
9	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 1-6
11	Lipscomb (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 11-0
11	Lipscomb (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 3-0
15	Alabama (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 1-9
15	Alabama (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 2-1
16	Alabama	Knoxville	L 0-8
17	Appalachian State (DH)	Knoxville	PPD
20	Princeton (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 0-6
20	Princeton (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 11-5
22	Mississippi State (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 8-0
22	Mississippi State (Gm2)	Knoxville	L 7-11
23	Mississippi State	Knoxville	W 16-2
26	Austin Peay (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 7-3
26	Austin Peay (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 4-0
	FIRST TENNESSEE CLASSIC		
	Knoxville, Tennessee (March 28-29)		
28	Liberty	Knoxville	W 3-1
28	Western Kentucky	Knoxville	W 8-0
29	Liberty	Knoxville	W 2-1
29	Liberty	Knoxville	W 9-1
Apr.			
1	South Carolina (Gm1)	Columbia, S.C.	L 1-9
1	South Carolina (Gm2)	Columbia, S.C.	W 2-1
2	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	W 1-0
5	Arkansas (Gm1)	Knoxville	W 1-0
5	Arkansas (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 9-2
6	Arkansas	Knoxville	W 2-0
8	Kentucky (Gm1)	Knoxville	Canceled Rain
8	Kentucky (Gm2)	Knoxville	W 8-0
9	Kentucky	Knoxville	W 6-4
12	Auburn (Gm1)	Auburn, Ala.	W 2-0
12	Auburn (Gm2)	Auburn, Ala.	L 0-1
13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	L 1-4
19	Florida (Gm1)	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-1
19	Florida (Gm2)	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-2
20	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	L 0-1
23	State-Line Classic - Virginia Tech	Bristol, Tenn.	L 0-1
26	Georgia (Gm1)	Knoxville	L 2-6
26	Georgia (Gm2)	Knoxville	L 3-4
27	Georgia	Knoxville	L 3-12
29	Lipscomb Univ. (Gm1)	Nashville	W 5-0
29	Lipscomb Univ. (Gm 2)	Nashville	W 6-2
May			
3	Mississippi (Gm1)	Oxford, Miss.	L 6-7
3	Mississippi (Gm2)	Oxford, Miss.	W 12-2
4	Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.	W 7-2
8-11	SEC Tournament	Plant City, Fla.	
8	LSU (No. 3 Seed)	Plant City, Fla.	L 0-1
9	Auburn (No. 7 Seed)	Plant City, Fla.	W 4-3
10	Georgia (No. 1 Seed)	Plant City, Fla.	W 5-3
10	Alabama (No. 2 Seed)	Plant City, Fla.	L(8)2-3

MEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS
Feb.		
10-11	Tulane Invitational	5th
17-18	Mercedes Benz Collegiate	8th
Mar.		
3-4	Cleveland Golf/USE Southwestern Invitational	8th
10-11	Seminole Intercollegiate	5th
22-23	Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational	13th
Apr.		
6	N.C State Intercollegiate	5th
25-27	SEC Championships (Sea Island, Ga.)	4th
15-17	NCAA East Regional(Auburn, Ala.)	4th
28-31	NCAA Championships	Stillwater, Okla.

WOMEN'S GOLF

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS
Feb.		
10-12	TRW Regional Challenge	9th
24-26	Arizona Wildcat Invitational	4th
Mar.		
9-11	Lady Gator Invitational	2nd
28-30	Bryan National Collegiate	5th
Apr.		
18-20	SEC Championships (Lexington, Ky.)	3rd
May		
8-10	NCAA Central Regional (Lincoln, Neb.)	18th
20-23	NCAA Championships	West Lafayette, Ind.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
Jan			
9	Tennessee All-Comers Meet	Knoxville	NTS
17-18	Virginia Tech Kroger Invitational	Blacksburg, Va.	NTS
25	SEC Challenge	Lexington, Ky.	1st
Feb			
8	Kentucky Invitational	Lexington, Ky.	NTS
9	Gator Invitational	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
14-15	Armory Collegiate Invitational	New York, N.Y.	NTS
21	Tennessee Indoor Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
Mar			
Feb 28 -2	SEC Indoor Championships	Gainesville, Fla.	4th
14-15	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.	5th
20-21	Texas A&M Decathlon	College Station, Tx.	NTS
21-22	Florida State Relays	Tallahassee, Fla.	
28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
Apr			
5	SEC Triangular	Columbia, S.C.	1st (155)
9-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville	NTS
17-20	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.	NTS
24-26	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.	NTS
27	Knoxville Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
May			
2-3	Jesse Owens Invitational	Columbus, Ohio	NTS
15-18	SEC Outdoor Championships	Knoxville	2nd
30-31	NCAA Mideast Regional	Columbus, Ohio	
June			
11-14	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Sacramento, Calif.	

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
Jan			
9	Tennessee All-Comers Meet	Knoxville	NTS
17-18	Virginia Tech Kroger Invitational	Blacksburg, Va.	NTS
25	SEC Challenge	Lexington, Ky.	6th
31-Feb. 1	Penn State Invitational	University Park, Pa.	NTS
Feb			
9	Gator Invitational	Gainesville, Fla.	NTS
14-15	Armory Collegiate Invitational	New York, N.Y.	NTS
21	Tennessee Indoor Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
Mar			
1-2	SEC Indoor Championships	Gainesville, Fla.	9th
7-8	USATF Indoor Championships	New York, N.Y.	NTS
14-15	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.	23rd
21-22	FSU Relays	Tallahassee, Fla.	NTS
28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	NTS
Apr			
5	SEC Challenge	Columbia, S.C.	3rd
9-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville	NTS
17-20	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.	NTS
24-26	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.	NTS
27	Knoxville Invitational	Knoxville	NTS
May			
3	Gatorade Classic	Knoxville	NTS
15-18	SEC Outdoor Championships	Knoxville	7th
30-31	NCAA Mideast Regional	Columbus, Ohio	
June			
11-14	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Sacramento, Calif.	

WOMEN'S TENNIS (20-6, 9-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Jan			
17-19	NCTC	Las Vegas, Nev.	NTS
25	Middle Tennessee St.	Murfreesboro	W 7-0
26	Michigan	Knoxville	W 4-3
Feb.			
1	Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	W 5-2
2	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	W 5-2
6-9	*National Team Indoors*	Madison, Wisc.	
7	UCLA	Madison, Wisc.	L 3-4
8	Tulsa	Madison, Wisc.	W 7-0
9	Northwestern	Madison, Wisc.	L 3-4
15	Wake Forest	Knoxville	W 5-0
22	Indiana	Knoxville	W 7-0
23	Notre Dame	Knoxville	W 4-3
28	Kentucky *	Knoxville	L 3-4
Mar.			
2	Vanderbilt *	Knoxville	W 4-3
7	Alabama *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	W 4-3
9	Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	W 6-1
14	LSU *	Baton Rouge, La.	W 6-1
16	Arkansas *	Fayetteville, Ark.	W 7-0
18	BYU	Provo, Utah	W 7-0
22	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	W 5-2
23	Duke	Durham, N.C.	L 3-4
28	Mississippi St. *	Starkville, Miss.	W 7-0
30	Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	W 6-1
Apr.			
4	Florida *	Knoxville	L 3-4
6	South Carolina *	Knoxville	W 4-1
12	Georgia *	Knoxville	W 7-0
17-20	SEC Tournament	Knoxville	
	Vanderbilt (2nd Round)	Knoxville	W 4-1
	Florida (3rd Round)	Knoxville	L 3-4
May			
9-11	NCAA Regionals	Gainesville, Fla	
	Vanderbilt (1st Round)		L 3-4
15-24	NCAA Championships	TBA	

WOMEN'S ROWING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	SCORE
Mar.			
15	Notre Dame	Knoxville	Scrimmage/NTS
22	Minnesota	Knoxville	NTS
29	Louisville	Knoxville	1st
Apr.			
5	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego, Calif.	1st
12	G.W. Invit. Crew Classic	Washington, D.C.	1st
18-19	S.I.R.A. Regatta	Oak Ridge	4 1st-place titles
27	Clemson Classic	Clemson, S.C.	NTS
May			
17-18	Lexus Central/Southern Sprints	Oak Ridge	2nd
30	NCAA Rowing Championships	Gainesville, Ga.	
June			
1	NCAA Rowing Championships	Gainesville, Ga.	

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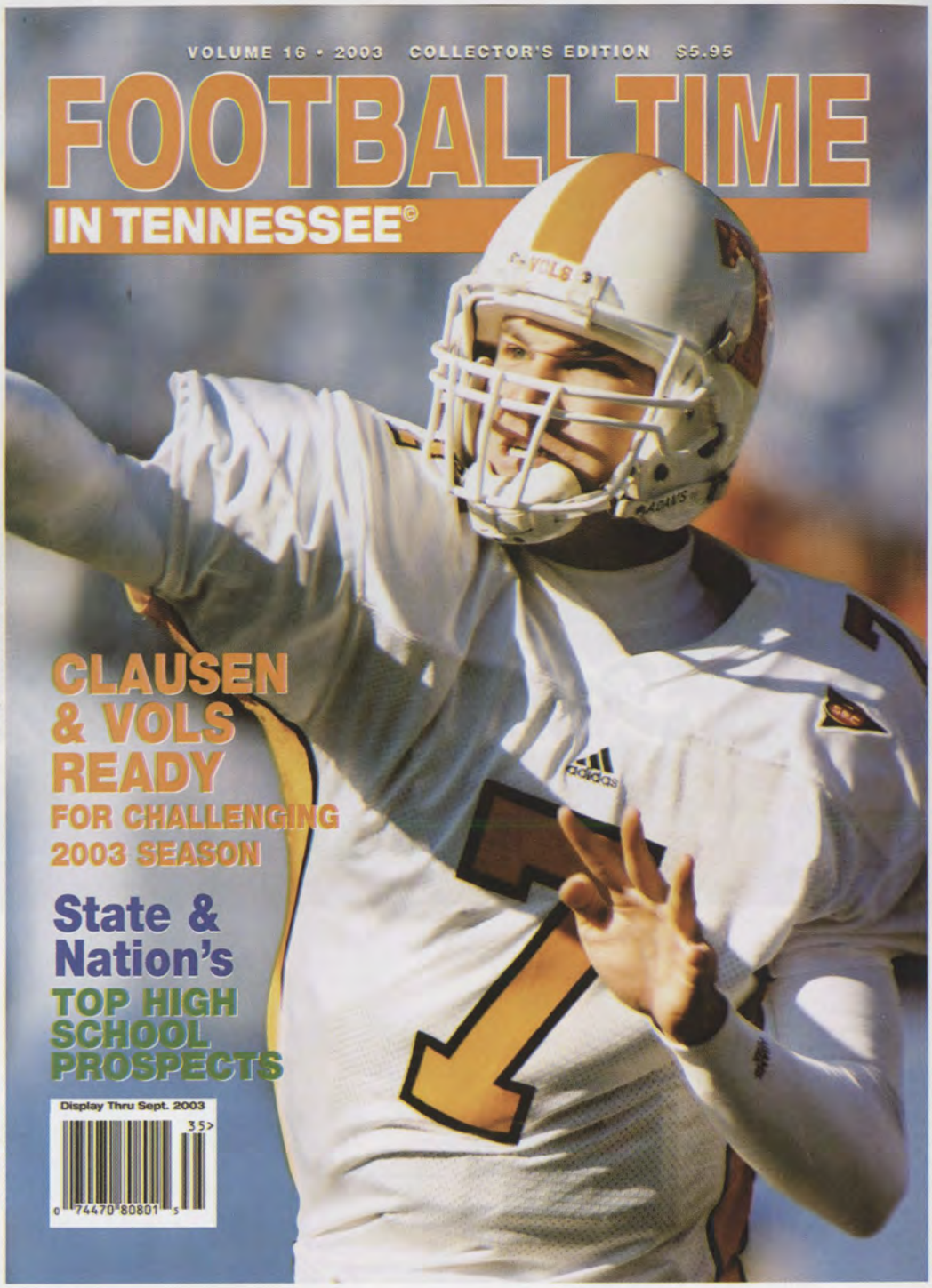

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